

ZAME B BACKGROUND

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Subj: ZONE B RCRA FACILITY INVESTIGATION REPORT

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The purpose of this letter is to provide changes in the background reference values for Zone B RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report which has been approved by the Department and EPA representatives. The changes have occurred through discussion with the Naval Base Charleston Project Team, which includes representatives of the Navy, the Department and the U.S. EPA Region IV.

Background reference values for inorganics in upper and lower interval Zone B soils have been reviewed and revised, based largely on the location, origin, and former use of the land from which the grid-based samples were collected. Two of the sample locations (GDBSB001 and GDBSB002) fell in the portion of the zone known to consist of fill material. Examination of analytical results from samples collected at these two locations showed that reported concentrations of inorganics were consistently higher than for other grid-based samples for both upper and lower interval soil. Consequently, samples from these locations have been dropped from the soil datasets for all inorganics as being unrepresentative of conditions in the rest of the zone. Samples from two additional locations (GDBSB003 and GDBSB011) were dropped from the arsenic datasets because the locations fell within the boundary of the former golf course. Elevated arsenic levels in the golf course samples indicated possible past use of arsenate-based herbicides on the fairways and greens. Background reference values for two inorganics (arsenic and chromium) in lower interval soil were further revised after removing the samples discussed above because their reduced datasets could not be transformed into approximately normal distributions. Since conventional statistical measures (mean, standard deviation, etc.) could not be obtained, nonparametric rather than parametric upper tolerance limits were used as background values for these two metals.

Please also note that the text of the Zone B memo dated 3-3-97 (or 3-10-97) contains an incorrect value for the arsenic UTL for lower interval soil. The UTL is shown as 11.7 mg/kg, which is the maximum value in the dataset. This value came from sample GDBSB01102, which should have been dropped as a golf course sample, leaving 10.8 mg/kg as the highest value and, therefore, the correct nonparametric UTL. The value is shown correctly on the Zone B soil table that was handed out at the same time.

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This completes all outstanding issues with the Zone B RCRA Facility Investigation. Since AOC 507 was determined to require No Further Action during the March Project Team meeting, the Navy withdraws the request for permit modification to require a Corrective Measures Study at this site. Instead, please initiate permit modifications to indicate that No Further Action (NFA) is required. If you should have any questions you may contact me at (803) 820-5525.

Sincerely,

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Outliers removed from grid-based background datasets

Surface soil

Aluminum	GDBSB00101	47,900 mg/kg
	GDBSB00201	39,500 mg/kg
	GDBSB01101	24,000 mg/kg
Arsenic	GDBSB00101	19.6 mg/kg
	GDBSB00201	22.1 mg/kg
	GDBSB00301	9.0 mg/kg
	GDBSB01101	28.7 mg/kg
Beryllium	GDBSB00101	1.45 mg/kg
	GDBSB00201	1.2 mg/kg
Chromium	GDBSB00101	63.8 mg/kg
	GDBSB00201	54.8 mg/kg
Manganese	GDBSB00101	499.5 mg/kg
	GDBSB00201	454 mg/kg
Vanadium	GDBSB00101	89.95 mg/kg
	GDBSB00201	71.9 mg/kg

Subsurface soil

Aluminum	GDBSB00102	55,600 mg/kg
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	GDBSB00202	32,900 mg/kg
Arsenic	GDBSB00102	33.9 mg/kg
	GDBSB00202	15.8 mg/kg
	GDBSB01102	11.7 mg/kg
Chromium	GDBSB00102	75.7 mg/kg
	GDBSB00202	48.5 mg/kg

Zone B soil

Alternative background reference values (mg/kg)

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Chemical	RBC	2xt/feau	UIL-90.50		TOTAL AND		2,000,000		TILL	
Aluminum	7,800n	19,400	13,900	15,500	15,500					
Arsenic	0.43c	8.9	12.4	17.1	17.1	29	5.3	10.8	10.8	35.52
Beryllium	0.15c	0.86	0.95	1.23	1.34					
Chromium ₊₆	39п	35.6	48.3	75.7	80.2	38	24.9	48.1	48.1	83.86
Manganese	180п	358	385	464	589					
Vanadium	55n	34.5	47.8	16.3 52	156					
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RBC values are adjusted for THQ = 0.1 to allow for multiplicative effects.

SSL values assume DAF = 20.

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MEMO 3-10-97

TO: Project Team members

FROM: EnSafe

RE: Summary of dataset adjustments, data transformations, and calculations used to

obtain background reference values for Zone B

Because datasets for grid-based soil samples in Zone B were large enough to allow computation of statistically based background reference values (n = 15 for upper interval soil; n = 14 for lower interval soil), upper tolerance limits (UTLs) with 95%coverage and 95% confidence were calculated for inorganics in soil. Background reference values were not calculated for inorganics in groundwater because groundwater was not sampled at AOC 507, which was the only site investigated in Zone B. As reported in a table dated 2-14-97 and faxed to the Project Team members following the February Team meeting, calculated background reference values for Zone B exceeded RBCs for upper interval soil for aluminum (UTL = 15,500 mg/kg; RBC = 7,800 mg/kg), arsenic (UTL = 17.1 mg/kg; RBC = 0.43 mg/kg), beryllium (UTL = 1.34 mg/kg; RBC = 0.15 mg/kg), chromium (UTL = 80.2 mg/kg; hexachrome RBC = 39 mg/kg), manganese (UTL = 589 mg/kg; RBC = 180 mg/kg), and vanadium (UTL = 156 mg/kg; RBC = 55 mg/kg). For lower interval soil, calculated UTLs exceeded generic soil screening levels (SSLs) for arsenic (UTL = 48.9 mg/kg; SSL = 29 mg/kg) and chromium (UTL = 75.7 mg/kg; hexachrome SSL = 38 mg/kg). This memo examines the data and calculations involved in determining those background reference values, listed above, which exceed their corresponding risk-based standards. Possible causes of the high background values are discussed. In most cases, background reference values are recalculated and revised.

As discussed in a memo distributed at the February Project Team meeting ("Zone B: Arsenic in surface soil grid samples," dated 2-5-97), the UTL for arsenic in upper interval soil was earlier lowered from 90.0 mg/kg to 17.1 mg/kg as a result of removing four grid samples (GDBSB00101, GDBSB00201, GDBSB00301, and GDBSB01101) from the arsenic dataset. They were removed because they had all been collected from the golf course portion of the zone, and were felt to have been influenced by possible past applications of herbicides containing arsenates. Two of the four sample locations (GDBSB001 and GDBSB002) fell in the portion of the zone known to consist of fill material. Examination of analytical results for these two sample locations showed that reported concentrations of inorganics were consistently higher than for other grid-based samples for both upper and lower interval soil, and they have consequently been dropped from the soil datasets for all inorganics as being unrepresentative of conditions in the rest of the zone. Calculations included in this package show results for both the original and reduced datasets.

Enclosed are analytical results for all Zone B grid-based soil samples; a copy of the 2-14-97 table presenting background reference values that exceed RBCs; relevant EPA guidance for generic soil screening levels and associated dilution-attenuation factors; a table of tolerance factors for datasets of various sizes; and histograms and normal probability plots (produced with EPA's GeoEAS program) for datasets used to calculate UTLs for inorganics in soil. Sample IDs that include a "C"

(e.g., GDB-C-B008-01) represent field duplicates; analytical results are averaged with those of the primary sample to obtain a single value for each location. UTL calculations are discussed below.

Upper interval soil

The aluminum dataset for upper interval soil had one outlier (GDBSB01101) in addition to the two discussed above. After all three were removed, original data values (rather than transformed values) of the remaining samples represented the closest approximation to a normal distribution (pgs. 3a, 3b). The UTL is obtained by calculating

$$UTL = X + ks$$

where X = the sample mean, s = the sample standard deviation, and k = the tolerance factor (see enclosed table). In this case, the UTL equals [9714 + (2.736)(2126)] = 15,531 mg/kg, or 15,500 mg/kg when rounded to three significant figures.

Enclosed arsenic materials include the February 5 memo concerning reduction of the UTL from 90.0 to 17.1 mg/kg, zonewide soil concentrations, and a map of sample locations. After removal of the four outliers, a square-root transformation (pgs. 5a, 5b) produced the closest approximation to normality based on skewness, kurtosis, coefficient of variation, box and whisker plot, and normal probability plot.* UTL = $[1.973 + (2.815)(0.769)]^2 = 17.1 \text{ mg/kg}$.

The two deleted outlier samples represented the two highest concentrations in the **beryllium** dataset. After their removal, the square-root transformation (pgs 5a, 5b) provided a somewhat better approximation of normality than original values. $UTL = [0.632 + (2.670)(0.179)]^2 = 1.23 \text{ mg/kg}$.

After removal of the two outlier samples from the **chromium** dataset, the LN-transformation (pgs. 4a, 4b) produced a much better approximation of normality than original data values. Because skewness was still positive after the LN-transformation, a square-root transformation was not attempted. The square-root transformation generally yields skewness roughly midway between those of original data and LN-transformed data. UTL = exp[2.711 + (2.670)(0.605)] = 75.7 mg/kg. Also included in the package are analytical results for Zone B soil samples analyzed for total chromium (all soil samples) and hexavalent chromium (three field duplicates only); hexavalent chromium was detected in one of three samples, at a concentration of 0.3 mg/kg.

After removal of the two high outliers, a normal distribution of manganese was best represented by the original data values (pgs. 3a, 3b). UTL = 178.9 + (2.670)(106.7) = 464 mg/kg.

As with all of the inorganic datasets, the two removed outlier samples reported the highest concentrations of vanadium in upper interval soil. After their removal, the LN-transformation (pgs. 4a, 4b) gave the closest approximation to a normal distribution for a dataset of n = 13. Although removal of an additional high data value (51.6 mg/kg at GDBSB01101) combined with LN-transformation produced a somewhat closer approximation to normality (pgs. 6a, 6b), this approach was rejected because the normal probability plot (pg. 6b) revealed an S-shaped curve that is

characteristic of excessive trimming of the dataset. For the dataset illustrated on pg. 4a, $UTL = \exp[2.653 + (2.670)(0.630)] = 76.3 \text{ mg/kg}$.

Revised UTLs for upper interval soil, based on the trimmed dataset of n = 13, are as follows:

Aluminum 15,500 mg/kg
Arsenic 17.1 mg/kg
Beryllium 1.23 mg/kg
Chromium 75.7 mg/kg
Manganese 464 mg/kg
Vanadium 76.3 mg/kg

Lower interval soil

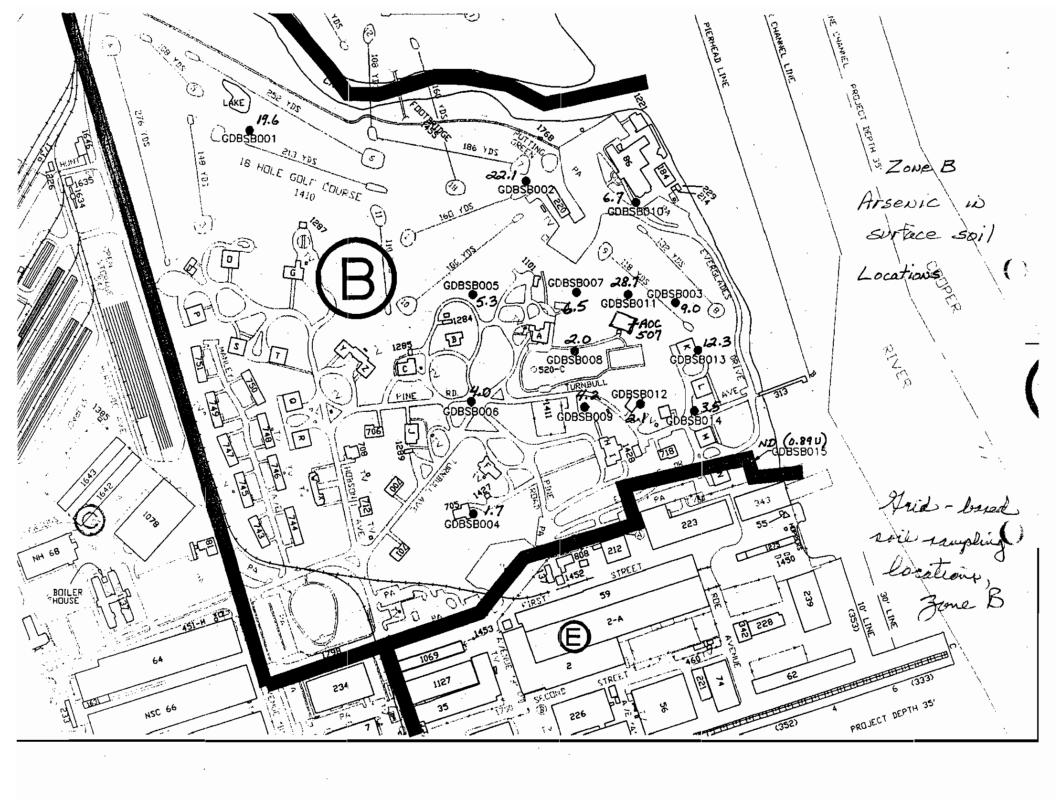
After removal of samples GDBSB00102 and GDBSB00202 as outliers, the dataset for arsenic was still skewed strongly to the right (pg. 3a). LN-transformation of the data yielded a distribution closer to normal, except for the four nondetect values on the left side of the histogram (pg. 4a). It is possible that the estimates of the nondetects are too low in this case (pg. 4b). Since the overall distribution is far from that of the bell-shaped curve of a normal distribution, a nonparametric UTL will be used in this instance: UTL = maximum detected value = 11.7 mg/kg.

The reduced dataset for **chromium** is also skewed strongly to the right (pg. 3a), and remains positively skewed after LN-transformation (pg. 4a). A calculated UTL based on the transformed data would be: UTL = exp[2.065 + (2.736)(0.956)] = 108 mg/kg. This is an example of a somewhat inflated UTL due to the combination of a small dataset and a strongly skewed distribution. Under the circumstances, a nonparametric UTL might be more appropriate: UTL = maximum detected value = 48.1 mg/kg.

Revised UTLs for lower interval soil, based on the trimmed dataset of n = 12, are as follows:

Arsenic 11.7 mg/kg Chromium 48.1 mg/kg

^{*} The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), among others, mandates use of the Shapiro-Wilk test of normality for background datasets in projects under its jurisdiction. It has been EnSafe's experience that the Shapiro-Wilk test is too forgiving; that is, the test is too quick to find a dataset normally distributed when it is obviously not. For this reason, the Shapiro-Wilk test was not run on Zone B datasets.



MEMO 3-6-97

TO:

Project Team members

FROM:

EnSafe

RE:

Summary of dataset adjustments, data transformations, and calculations used to

obtain background reference values for Zone H

Because datasets for grid-based soil and groundwater samples in Zone H were large enough to allow computation of statistically based background reference values (n = 104 for upper interval soil; n = 63 for lower interval soil; n = 11 for both shallow and deep groundwater), parametric upper tolerance limits (UTLs) with 95% coverage and 95% confidence were calculated for inorganics in these four media categories. For datasets with fewer than 50% but more than 10% detections, nonparametric UTLs were obtained by choosing the largest or second largest detected value, depending on the size of the dataset. As reported in a table dated 2-14-97 and faxed to the Project Team members following the February Team meeting, calculated background reference values for Zone H equaled or exceeded RBCs for upper interval soil for aluminum (UTL = 25,310 mg/kg; RBC = 7,800 mg/kg), arsenic (UTL = 14.81 mg/kg; RBC = 0.43 mg/kg), beryllium (UTL = 1.466 mg/kg; RBC = 0.15 mg/kg), chromium (UTL = 85.65 mg/kg; hexachrome RBC = 39 mg/kg), manganese (UTL = 636.4 mg/kg; RBC = 180 mg/kg), thailium (UTL = 0.63 mg/kg; RBC = 0.63 mg/kg), and vanadium (UTL = 77.38 mg/kg; RBC = 55 mg/kg). For lower interval soil, calculated UTLs exceeded generic soil screening levels (SSLs) for arsenic (UTL = 35.52 mg/kg; SSL = 29 mg/kg), chromium (UTL = 83.86 mg/kg; hexachrome SSL = 38 mg/kg), and thallium (UTL = 1.3 mg/kg; SSL = 0.7 mg/kg). For shallow groundwater, UTLs exceeded tap water RBCs for arsenic (UTL = 27.99 μ g/L; RBC = 0.045 μ g/L), barium (UTL = 323 μ g/L; RBC = 260 μ g/L), manganese (UTL = 3,391 μ g/L; RBC = 84 $\mu g/L$), and thallium (UTL = 7.66 $\mu g/L$; RBC = 0.29 $\mu g/L$). For deep groundwater, UTLs exceeded tap water RBCs for arsenic (UTL = 14.98 μ g/L; RBC = 0.045 μ g/L) and manganese (UTL = 776.2 $\mu g/L$; RBC = 84 $\mu g/L$). This memo examines the data and calculations involved in determining those background reference values, listed above, which exceed their corresponding risk-based standards. Possible causes of the high background values are discussed. In most cases, background reference values are recalculated and revised.

The background reference values for Zone H were the first set of such values calculated as part of the environmental investigation at NAVBASE. Three changes have since been made in the way that UTLs are calculated, to make the process more statistically sound:

• Nonparametric UTLs for small datasets are less powerful than the parametric UTLs used when detections exceed 50%, because their associated coverage is lower. For a dataset with n = 11 (such as for shallow or deep groundwater in Zone H), minimum coverage is 76.2% with 95% confidence rather than the desired 95% coverage with 95% confidence. Theoretically, this low coverage would result in a false positive rate of 24% for exceedances

of the UTLs. To avoid this situation, "modified nonparametric UTLs" were originally calculated in situations where nonparametric UTLs would normally have been called for. As explained in Appendix J of the Zone H RFI Report, a modified nonparametric UTL is the mean of a parametric and a nonparametric UTL calculated from the same data. Because parametric UTLs that are based largely on estimated values for nondetects are likely to be inaccurate, modified nonparametric UTLs were not used in the recalculations in this memo. Instead, conventional nonparametric UTLs (i.e., the highest detected value) were used. The net effect of this change would generally be a lower UTL, giving lower coverage.

- Calculation of parametric UTLs involves a tolerance factor whose magnitude depends partly on the sample size. For UTLs with 95% coverage and 95% confidence, the tolerance factor for a dataset of n = 63 is 2.007; for a dataset of n = 104, the tolerance factor is 1.919. For the sake of simplicity, a tolerance factor of 2.0 was used in all of the original UTL calculations for Zone H soils. In the recalculations, a tolerance factor corresponding to the actual sample size was used. The net effect of this change would generally be to increase the UTL for lower interval soil (n = 63) and decrease it for upper interval soil (n = 104).
- The original UTLs were calculated in a two-step process, as explained in Appendix J of the RFI Report. A preliminary UTL was calculated using all of the values available, then applied to the original dataset to identify and remove "outliers." The final UTL was then calculated using the remaining values. In datasets with no natural outliers, the effect of this procedure was to remove legitimate data values inappropriately. In the recalculations, EnSafe has attempted to identify outliers in more conventional fashion, as discussed in Appendix J. Where any question existed as to whether a high value was an outlier, it was generally removed from the dataset. The net effect of this change, where it could be identified, was most often a slight increase in the UTL.

Enclosed are analytical results for all Zone H grid-based soil and groundwater samples, and histograms and normal probability plots (produced with EPA's GeoEAS program) for datasets used to calculate UTLs for inorganics in soil. Relevant EPA guidance for generic soil screening levels and associated dilution-attenuation factors as well as a table of tolerance factors for datasets of various sizes were included with the earlier package covering Zone B background values. Sample IDs that include a "C" (e.g., GDH-C-B007-01) represent field duplicates; analytical results are averaged with those of the primary sample (the "S" sample) to obtain a single value for each location. UTL calculations are discussed below. Some calculated values are slightly different from those in the Zone H report due to rounding differences.

Upper interval soil

Aluminum data values exhibit a very regular, lognormal distribution (pgs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b). Applying the parametric UTL formula

$$UTL = X + ks$$

where X = the sample mean, s = the sample standard deviation, and k = the tolerance factor, the preliminary UTL was calculated for a lognormal distribution as UTL = $\exp [8.797 + (2)(0.713)] =$ 27,529 mg/kg. This value was applied to the original dataset as a screen, resulting in the removal of samples GDHSB04101 (32,700 mg/kg) and GDHSB04901 (29,600 mg/kg). The final UTL was then calculated as UTL = $\exp [8.767 + (2)(0.686)] = 25{,}311 \text{ mg/kg}$, rounded to 25,300 mg/kg. This is a case where the two high values should not have been removed as outliers. Virtually all of the aluminum in Zone H soil appears to be present as aluminosilicate clay minerals, probably smectite and kaolinite; indeed, aluminum probably serves as an accurate gauge of clay content in the soil samples. Aluminum and iron concentrations are highly correlated in Zone H soil (r = 0.90 for upper interval soil grid samples; for lower interval soil grid samples, r = 0.95). Although iron is not a clay matrix element like aluminum, it is strongly associated with the surfaces of clay minerals. Taken together, aluminum and iron account for much of the variability of the other metals, as can be seen when crossplots are constructed for aluminum or iron vs. the trace metals. The two soil samples that were removed from the dataset were among the highest in iron as well as aluminum, indicating simply that their clay content was high. The correct UTL calculated for the original dataset (n = 104) should be UTL = $\exp [8.797 + (1.919)(0.713)] = 25,984 \text{ mg/kg}$, rounded to 26,000 mg/kg.

The distribution of arsenic is strongly skewed to the right (pg. 1a), but LN-transformation overcorrected it, resulting in negative skewness (pgs. 2a, 2b). A square-root transformation provided a better approximation of normality (pgs. 3a, 3b), leading to a preliminary UTL calculation of UTL = $[2.259 + (2)(0.879)]^2 = 16.14$ mg/kg. This value was applied as a screen to the original dataset, resulting in the removal of three high values: GDHSB03401 = 17.2 mg/kg; GDHSB03501 = 17.6 mg/kg; and GDHSB04101 = 18.4 mg/kg. The reduced dataset (n = 101) was square-root transformed (pgs. 4a, 4b) and the UTL was recalculated as $UTL = [2.201 + (2)(0.823)]^2 = 14.8$ mg/kg, which was used in the RFI Report. When the three "outliers" were examined, they were found to have been collected from the same low-lying, grassy field in the eastern part of the zone. Given the possibility that the area could be contaminated, two other samples collected from the same field were removed (GDHSB03601 = 13.7 mg/kg and GDHSB04201 = 9.1 mg/kg), the dataset was again square-root transformed (pgs. 5a, 5b), and a new UTL (n = 99) was calculated as UTL = $[2.178 + (1.926)(0.813)]^2 = 14.0 \text{ mg/kg}$. Further examination of the five "outliers," however, revealed that the aluminum and iron concentrations of samples 34-01, 35-01, 36-01, and 41-01 were among the very highest of the upper interval soil grid samples, as were concentrations of many other trace metals in these samples. Sample 42-01, which had been removed because of its location in the field rather than its high arsenic concentration (AS = 9.1 mg/kg, which is less than one standard deviation above the mean), exhibited much lower aluminum and iron concentrations:

Sample	AS (mg/kg)	AL (mg/kg)	FE (mg/kg)
GDHSB03401	17.2	23,400	30,900
GDHSB03501	17.6	20,200	31,800
GDHSB03601	13.7	20,700	30,300
GDHSB04101	18.4	32,700	38,800
GDHSB04201	9.1	5,760	7,460

The relationship of the aluminum and iron concentrations shown above to the overall aluminum and iron distributions can be seen on the enclosed histograms "Distribution of AL in surface soil grid samples" and "Distribution of FE in surface soil grid samples." Correlation of arsenic and aluminum concentrations among grid samples is r = 0.69; correlation of arsenic and iron concentrations is r = 0.80. The field where the five "outliers" were collected is low-lying and occasionally subject to standing water. Chemical analyses of the samples reflect high clay content, with relatively high levels of trace metals adsorbed to the surfaces of the clay particles. Since the elevated arsenic concentrations of the five samples appear to be naturally occurring, the samples were added back into the dataset and the UTL was recalculated as UTL = $[2.259 + (1.919)(0.879)]^2 = 15.6 \text{ mg/kg}$.

Beryllium concentrations are lognormally distributed (pgs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b). The original UTL was calculated as $UTL = \exp[-1.308 + (2)(0.845)] = 1.465 \text{ mg/kg}$. When this value was applied as a screen, none of the original values exceeded it, and it was used in the report. The probability plot (pg. 2b) shows that the highest values in the dataset are slightly lower than would be expected in a lognormal distribution. Of the seven samples with the highest beryllium concentrations, six also have concentrations of aluminum and iron that are among the highest in the zone:

Sample	BE (mg/kg)	AL (mg/kg)	FE (mg/kg)
GDHSB034	1.0	23,400	30,900
GDHSB036	1.1	20,700	30,300
GDHSB041	1.4	32,700	38,800
GDHSB049	1.2	29,600	32,200
GDHSB068	1.0	5,850	8,100
GDHSB079	1.2	26,600	28,100
GDHSB090	1.2	22,300	36,700

Three of the seven samples shown above (34-01, 36-01, and 41-01) were among the five potential

outliers for arsenic. Because the highest beryllium concentrations detected in the samples are considered to be naturally occurring, the UTL was recalculated only to correct the tolerance factor, as follows: $UTL = \exp[-1.308 + (1.919)(0.845)] = 1.368 \text{ mg/kg}$, rounded to 1.37 mg/kg.

The **chromium** distribution is also positively skewed (pgs. 1a, 1b), and it was LN-transformed (pgs. 2a, 2b). The preliminary UTL was calculated as UTL = exp [2.951 + (2)(0.799)] = 94.54 mg/kg. When this value was applied as a screen, two data points (GDHSB08601 = 114 mg/kg; GDHSB08701 = 107 mg/kg) were removed, and the final UTL for n = 102 was calculated as UTL = exp [2.916 + (2)(0.767)] = 85.63 mg/kg (pgs. 4a, 4b). The relationship of chromium to aluminum and iron in samples with high chromium concentrations is as follows:

Sample	CR (mg/kg)	AL (mg/kg)	FE (mg/kg)
GDHSB03501	55.5	20,200	31,800
GDHSB01501	56.9	5,880	6,830
GDHSB04101	57.0	32,700	38,800
GDHSB04901	61.8	29,600	32,200
GDHSB07501	63.5	8,180	8,640
GDHSB08501	63.8	8,550	7,830
GDHSB07901	65.6	26,600	28,100
GDHSB09001	87.6	22,300	36,700
GDHSB08701	107	10,800	9,090
GDHSB08601	114	4,400.	5,970

Although the prominence of samples with unusually high levels of aluminum and iron is apparent in the table above, the argument for naturally occurring chromium is not as strong as that for arsenic and beryllium because correlations with the two normalizing metals are lower. Chromium correlates with both aluminum and iron at r = 0.58. Based on conventional criteria for identifying outliers, three samples have now been removed from the original dataset: the two formerly removed, plus GDHSB09001 (87.6 mg/kg). A new UTL based on a LN-transformation would be UTL = exp [2.901 + (1.923)(0.755)] = 77.7 mg/kg; the new UTL based on a square-root transformation would be UTL = $[4.56 + (1.923)(1.625)]^2 = 59.1$ mg/kg. The square-root transformation is preferred because of lower skewness and kurtosis, as well as a more regular box and whisker plot.

The distribution of manganese values is strongly skewed to the right (pg. 1a), and remains slightly skewed in a positive direction after being LN-transformed (pg. 2a). The preliminary UTL was

calculated as UTL = $\exp [4.282 + (2)(1.167)] = 747 \text{ mg/kg}$. When this value was applied as a screen, two values were removed: GDHSB04201 (1,200 mg/kg) and GDHSB04101 (983 mg/kg). The calculated UTL for the reduced dataset of n = 102 was UTL = $\exp [4.229 + (2)(1.114)] = 637$ mg/kg. The two values that were removed both represented samples from the open field that was the source of the arsenic "outliers" discussed above. The three samples next lowest in manganese (79-01 = 597 mg/kg; 34-01 = 589 mg/kg; and 90-01 = 518 mg/kg) are all among the group previously identified as being high in aluminum and iron, and therefore probably clay-rich. Manganese is correlated with aluminum at r = 0.64; it is correlated with iron at r = 0.70. The two samples that were removed originally (41-01 and 42-01) have now been identified as outliers based on conventional criteria (pgs. 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b), and the UTL has been recalculated to reflect a more accurate tolerance factor: UTL = $\exp [4.229 + (1.921)(1.114)] = 583 \text{ mg/kg}$.

The reported UTL for **thallium** is nonparametric because thallium was detected in only 10 of 104 samples. With a sample size of 104, a UTL with 95% coverage and 95% confidence is best approximated by using the second highest value, which is 1.1 mg/kg. This value was applied as a screen to remove the two highest original values, leaving 0.63 mg/kg as the second highest value in the reduced dataset. As discussed earlier, there is no statistical justification for removing data values from the background dataset unless they are identified as conventional outliers. Therefore, the nonparametric UTL for thallium should be **1.1 mg/kg**, which is the second highest value in the original dataset.

As with the other trace metals, the **vanadium** distribution is strongly skewed to the right (pgs. 1a, 1b). Both LN-transformation (pgs. 2a, 2b) and square-root transformation (pgs. 3a, 3b) were performed, with the LN-transformation considered a better approximation of normality by all criteria. The preliminary UTL was calculated as UTL = $\exp [2.889 + (2)(0.730)] = 77.4 \text{ mg/kg}$. When this value was applied as a screen, none of the original data values was eliminated, and it was used in the report. The seven highest vanadium detections (41-01 = 74.8 mg/kg; 90-01 = 71.7 mg/kg; 35-01 = 69.1 mg/kg; 49-01 = 68.3 mg/kg; 79-01 = 66.5 mg/kg; 34-01 = 60.1 mg/kg; 36-01 = 55.5 mg/kg) came from the samples that also reported the seven highest concentrations of both aluminum and iron, indicating a natural origin for the vanadium. Correlation of vanadium and aluminum is r = 0.89; correlation of vanadium and iron is r = 0.90. The UTL has been recalculated to reflect a more accurate tolerance factor: UTL = $\exp [2.889 + (1.919)(0.730)] = 73.0 \text{ mg/kg}$.

Lower interval soil

Initial examination of the arsenic dataset revealed an obvious outlier for both original (pgs. 1a, 1b) and transformed (2a, 2b) data values. A preliminary UTL was calculated as UTL = exp [1.767 + (2)(1.004)] = 43.6 mg/kg and used as a screen to remove sample GDHSB04302 (136 mg/kg) from the dataset. The outlier sample was collected from a landscaped area next to barracks Building 676, WNW of SWMU 14; the corresponding upper interval soil sample reported 5.2 mg/kg AS. For the reduced dataset (n = 62), a final UTL was calculated as UTL = exp [1.716 + (2)(0.927)] = 35.5 mg/kg (pgs. 4a, 4b, 4c), which was used in the report. The samples with the highest arsenic

concentrations, including 43-02 (the outlier) were also high in both aluminum and iron:

Sample	AS (mg/kg)	AL (mg/kg)	FE (mg/kg)
GDHSB04302	136	45,300	44,600
GDHSB08202	28.3	41,400	54,300
GDHSB04002	22.8	19,100	34,900
GDHSB03402	22.3	31,700	46,800
GDHSB04602	20.3	31,100	40,400
GDHSB04502	19.1	34,600	40,600
GDHSB01502	18.5	19,600	33,600
GDHSB03902	18.3	32,600	30,000

Arsenic correlated with aluminum at r = 0.87, and with iron at r = 0.92. For the current study, data values were square-root transformed, which yielded a closer approximation to a normal distribution than the LN-transformation. A new UTL was calculated as $UTL = [2.594 + (2.01)(1.07)]^2 = 22.5$ mg/kg.

Chromium was evaluated as original values (pgs. 1a, 1b), LN-transformed values (pgs. 2a, 2b), and square-root transformed values (pgs. 3a, 3b). A preliminary UTL based on the square-root transformation was calculated as UTL = [5.21 + (2)(2.077)]² = 87.7 mg/kg. When this value was used as a screen, sample GDHSB08602 (95.2 mg/kg) was removed from the dataset. A UTL based on the reduced dataset (n = 62) and the square-root transformation (pgs. 6a, 6b) was calculated as UTL = [5.136 + (2)(2.011)]² = 83.9 mg/kg, which was used in the report. The outlier sample, 86-02, was collected from a grassy field near the edge of a wooded area, near the parking lot around barracks Building 668 in the southern part of the zone. The sampling location had been relocated several feet after the initial boring turned up a small amount of mixed trash. The upper interval soil sample from the same location reported 114 mg/kg chromium, which was the highest chromium concentration of any Zone H grid-based soil sample. None of the 135 Zone H soil samples analyzed for hexachrome reported a detection. Sample 86-02, the outlier, was low in aluminum (4,520 mg/kg) and iron (5,920 mg/kg). Other samples that were high in chromium had varied levels of the two normalizing metals:

Sample	CR (mg/kg)	AL (mg/kg)	FE (mg/kg)
GDHSB03902	72.6	32,600	30,000
GDHSB08202	72.1	41,400	54,300
GDHSB04302	68.6	45,300	44,600
GDHSB01202	64.9	4,810	4,540
SGCSB00202	64.2	4,660	4,380
GDHSB00302	61.8	5,770	5,730

Chromium correlated with aluminum at r=0.58 and with iron ar r=0.55. On reexamination, sample 86-02 remained as the only outlier, based on conventional criteria, and the UTL was recalculated to reflect a more accurate tolerance factor: UTL = [5.136 + (2.01)(2.011)] = 84.2 mg/kg.

Thallium was detected in only 9 of 63 samples, at concentrations ranging from 0.36 mg/kg to 1.9 mg/kg (in GDHSB04502). The second highest value serves as the nonparametric UTL: 1.3 mg/kg (in GDHSB03902).

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Samples by Chemical Report
7440-38-2 - Arsenic (As)
>= 0.0000 for MG/KG

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507-S-B001-02	507SB00102	Soil	10/04/95	0.9400 U	MG/KG L5540S	VAL
507-S-B002-02	507SB00202	Soil	10/04/95	0.9600 U	MG/KG L5540S	VAI
GDB-S-B005-02	GDBSB00502	Soil	10/04/95	0.9600 U	MG/KG L5540S	VAI
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GDB-S-B013-01	GDBSB01301	Soil	10/04/95	12.3000	MG/KG L5540S	VAL
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GDB-C-B001-01	GDBCB00101	Soil	10/04/95	26.9000	MG/KG L5530S	VAL
GDB-S-B011-0T	GDBSB01101	Soil	10/04/95	28.7000	MG/KG L5540S	VAL
GDB-S-B001-02	GDBSB00102	Soil	10/04/95	33.9000	MG/KG L5540S	VAL

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-> Grid sample collected on gott course.

Sample results listed in order of concentration

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GDBSB 00101	19.6 mg/kg (combined "S" [12.3] and "C" [26.9] conc	entrations)
GDBSB00201	22.1 mg/kg	
GDBSB00301	9.0 mg/kg	
GDBSB 01101	28.7 mg/kg	

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Attached is a copy of a printout with analytical results for arsenic in all soil samples collected in Zone B, in order of concentration. Surface and subsurface results for the four golf course samples are highlighted.

MEMO 3-3-97

TO:

Project Team members

FROM:

EnSafe

RE:

Summary of dataset adjustments, data transformations, and calculations used to

obtain background reference values for Zone B

Because datasets for grid-based soil samples in Zone B were large enough to allow computation of statistically based background reference values (n = 15 for upper interval soil; n = 14 for lower interval soil), upper tolerance limits (UTLs) with 95%coverage and 95% confidence were calculated for inorganics in soil. Background reference values were not calculated for inorganics in groundwater because groundwater was not sampled at AOC 507, which was the only site investigated in Zone B. As reported in a table dated 2-14-97 and faxed to the Project Team members following the February Team meeting, calculated background reference values for Zone B exceeded RBCs for upper interval soil for aluminum (UTL = 15,500 mg/kg; RBC = 7,800 mg/kg), arsenic (UTL = 17.1 mg/kg; RBC = 0.43 mg/kg), beryllium (UTL = 1.34 mg/kg; RBC = 0.15 mg/kg), chromium (UTL = 80.2 mg/kg; hexachrome RBC = 39 mg/kg), manganese (UTL = 589 mg/kg; RBC = 180 mg/kg), and vanadium (UTL = 156 mg/kg; RBC = 55 mg/kg). For lower interval soil, calculated UTLs exceeded generic soil screening levels (SSLs) for arsenic (UTL = 48.9 mg/kg; SSL = 29 mg/kg) and chromium (UTL = 75.7 mg/kg; hexachrome SSL = 38 mg/kg).

As discussed in a memo distributed at the February Project Team meeting ("Zone B: Arsenic in surface soil grid samples," dated 2-5-97), the UTL for arsenic in upper interval soil was earlier lowered from 90.0 mg/kg to 17.1 mg/kg as a result of removing four grid samples (GDBSB00101, GDBSB00201, GDBSB00301, and GDBSB01101) from the arsenic dataset. They were removed because they had all been collected from the golf course portion of the zone, and were felt to have been influenced by possible past applications of herbicides containing arsenates. Two of the four sample locations (GDBSB001 and GDBSB002) fell in the portion of the zone known to consist of fill material. Examination of analytical results for these two sample locations showed that reported concentrations of inorganics were consistently higher than for other grid-based samples for both upper and lower interval soil, and they have consequently been dropped from the soil datasets for all inorganics as being unrepresentative of conditions in the rest of the zone. Calculations included in this package show results for both the original and reduced datasets.

Enclosed are analytical results for all Zone B grid-based soil samples; relevant EPA guidance for generic soil screening levels and associated dilution-attenuation factors; a table of tolerance factors for datasets of various sizes; and histograms and normal probability plots (produced with EPA's GeoEAS program) for datasets used to calculate UTLs for inorganics in soil. Sample IDs that include a "C" (e.g., GDB-C-B008-01) represent field duplicates; analytical results are averaged with those of the primary sample to obtain a single value for each location. UTL calculations are discussed below.

Upper interval soil

The **aluminum** dataset for upper interval soil had one outlier (GDBSB01101) in addition to the two discussed above. After all three were removed, original data values (rather than transformed values) of the remaining samples represented the closest approximation to a normal distribution (pgs. 3a, 3b). The UTL is obtained by calculating

$$UTL = X + ks$$

where X = the sample mean, s = the sample standard deviation, and k = the tolerance factor (see enclosed table). In this case, the UTL equals [9714 + (2.736)(2126)] = 15,531 mg/kg, or 15,500 mg/kg when rounded to three significant figures.

Enclosed arsenic materials include the February 5 memo concerning reduction of the UTL from 90.0 to 17.1 mg/kg, zonewide soil concentrations, and a map of sample locations. After removal of the four outliers, a square-root transformation (pgs. 5a, 5b) produced the closest approximation to normality based on skewness, kurtosis, coefficient of variation, box and whisker plot, and normal probability plot.* $UTL = [1.973 + (2.815)(0.769)]^2 = 17.1 \text{ mg/kg}$.

The two deleted outlier samples represented the two highest concentrations in the **beryllium** dataset. After their removal, the square-root transformation (pgs 5a, 5b) provided a somewhat better approximation of normality than original values. UTL = $[0.632 + (2.670)(0.179)]^2 = 1.23$ mg/kg.

After removal of the two outlier samples from the **chromium** dataset, the LN-transformation (pgs. 4a, 4b) produced a much better approximation of normality than original data values. Because skewness was still positive after the LN-transformation, a square-root transformation was not attempted. The square-root transformation generally yields skewness roughly midway between those of original data and LN-transformed data. $UTL = \exp[2.711 + (2.670)(0.605)] = 75.7 \text{ mg/kg}$. Also included in the package are analytical results for Zone B soil samples analyzed for total chromium (all soil samples) and hexavalent chromium (three field duplicates only); hexavalent chromium was detected in one of three samples, at a concentration of 0.3 mg/kg.

After removal of the two high outliers, a normal distribution of **manganese** was best represented by the original data values (pgs. 3a, 3b). UTL = 178.9 + (2.670)(106.7) = 464 mg/kg.

As with all of the inorganic datasets, the two removed outlier samples reported the highest concentrations of vanadium in upper interval soil. After their removal, the LN-transformation (pgs. 4a, 4b) gave the closest approximation to a normal distribution for a dataset of n = 13. Although removal of an additional high data value (51.6 mg/kg at GDBSB01101) combined with LN-transformation produced a somewhat closer approximation to normality (pgs. 6a, 6b), this approach was rejected because the normal probability plot (pg. 6b) revealed an S-shaped curve that is characteristic of excessive trimming of the dataset. For the dataset illustrated on pg. 4a, UTL = exp[2.653 + (2.670)(0.630)] = 76.3 mg/kg.

Revised UTLs for upper interval soil, based on the trimmed dataset of n = 13, are as follows:

Aluminum 15,500 mg/kg
Arsenic 17.1 mg/kg
Beryllium 1.23 mg/kg
Chromium 75.7 mg/kg
Manganese 464 mg/kg
Vanadium 76.3 mg/kg

Lower interval soil

After removal of samples GDBSB00102 and GDBSB00202 as outliers, the dataset for arsenic was still skewed strongly to the right (pg. 3a). LN-transformation of the data yielded a distribution closer to normal, except for the four nondetect values on the left side of the histogram (pg. 4a). It is possible that the estimates of the nondetects are too low in this case (pg. 4b). Since the overall distribution is far from that of the bell-shaped curve of a normal distribution, a nonparametric UTL will be used in this instance: UTL = maximum detected value = 11.7 mg/kg.

The reduced dataset for **chromium** is also skewed strongly to the right (pg. 3a), and remains positively skewed after LN-transformation (pg. 4a). A calculated UTL based on the transformed data would be: UTL = exp[2.065 + (2.736)(0.956)] = 108 mg/kg. This is an example of a somewhat inflated UTL due to the combination of a small dataset and a strongly skewed distribution. Under the circumstances, a nonparametric UTL might be more appropriate: UTL = maximum detected value = 48.1 mg/kg.

Revised UTLs for lower interval soil, based on the trimmed dataset of n = 12, are as follows:

Arsenic 11.7 mg/kg Chromium 48.1 mg/kg

^{*} The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) mandates use of the Shapiro-Wilk test of normality for background datasets in projects under its jurisdiction. It has been EnSafe's experience that the Shapiro-Wilk test is too forgiving; that is, the test is too quick to find a dataset normally distributed when it is obviously not. For this reason, the Shapiro-Wilk test was not run on Zone B datasets.

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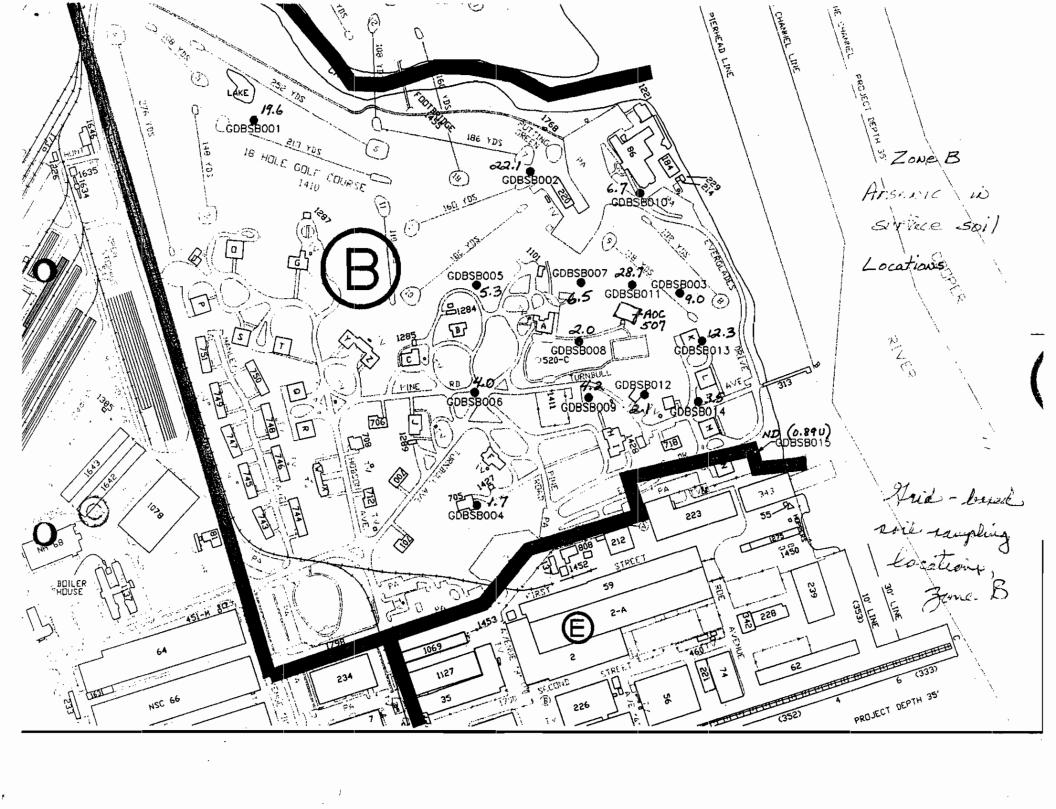
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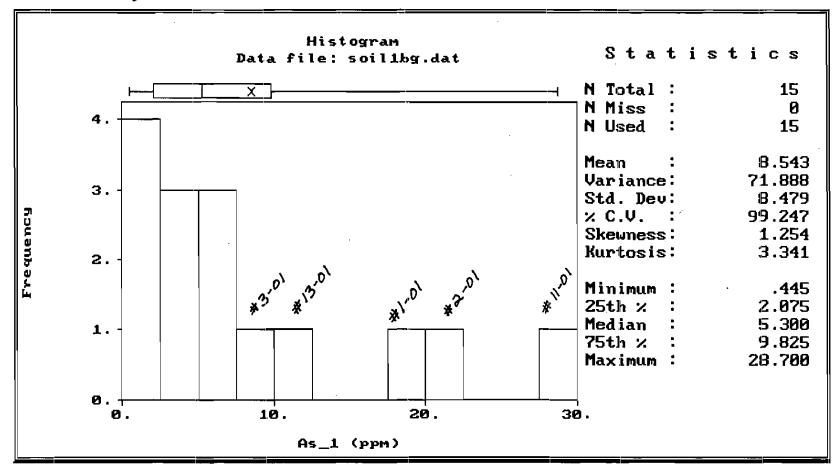
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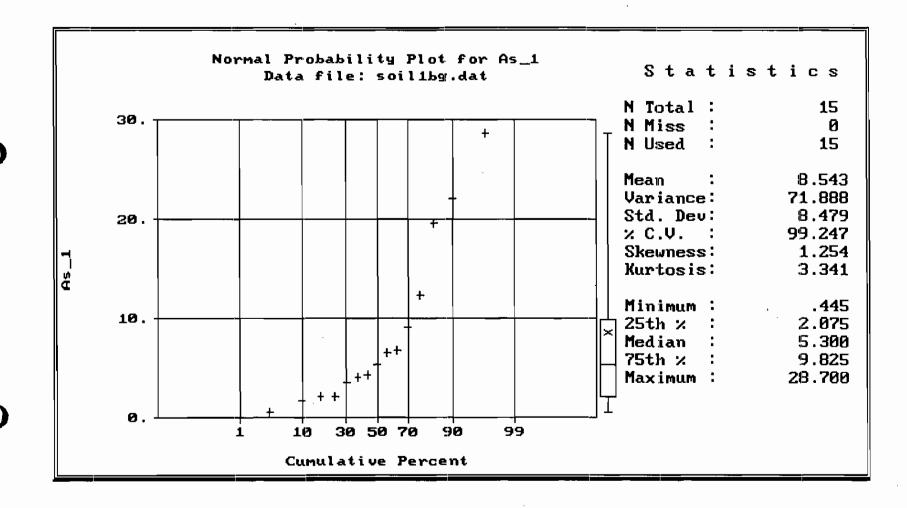
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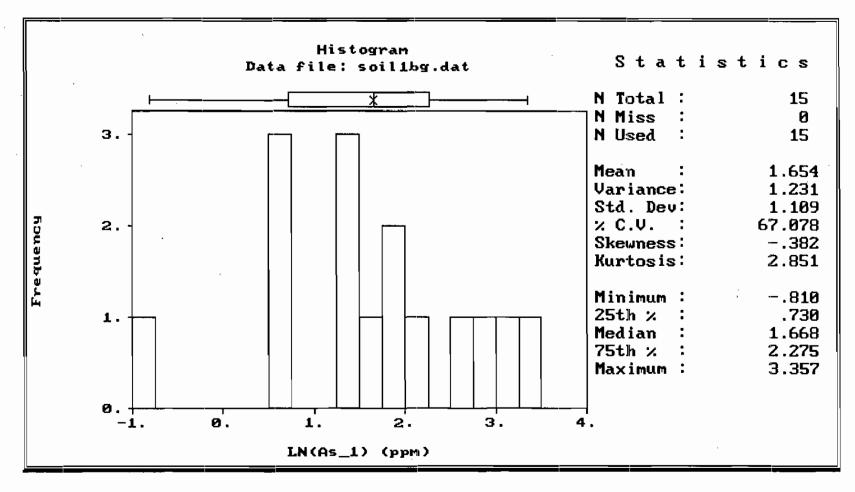


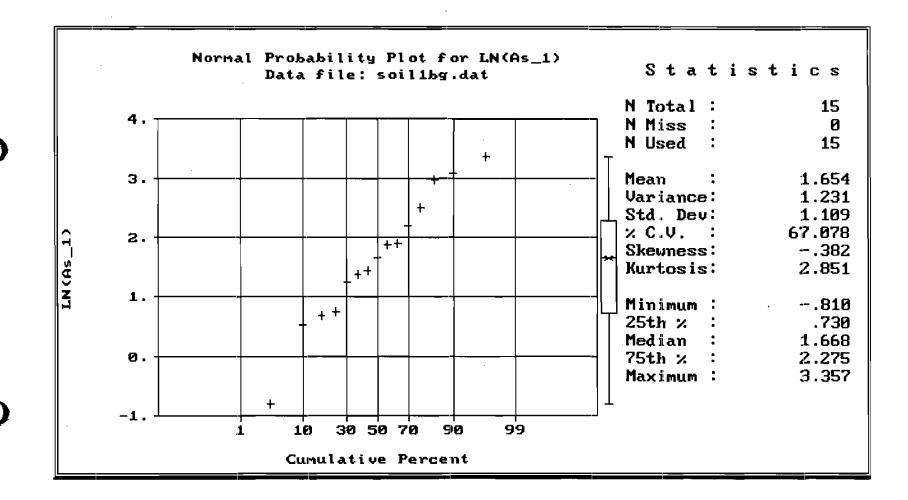
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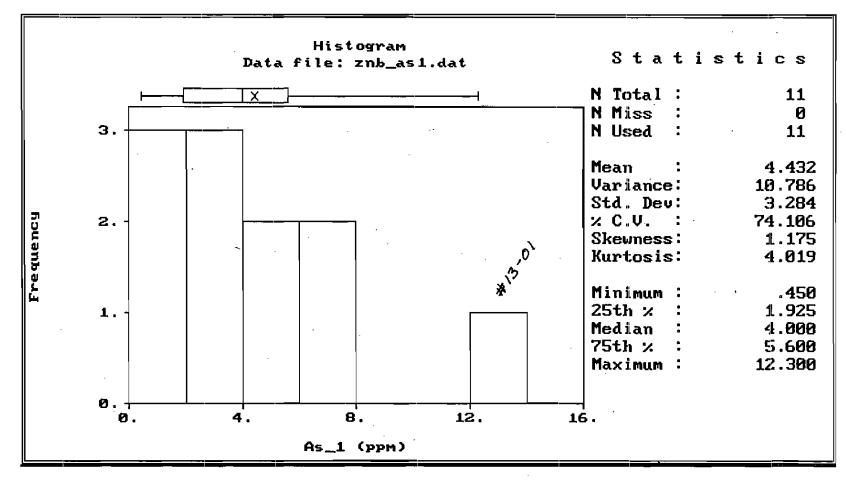
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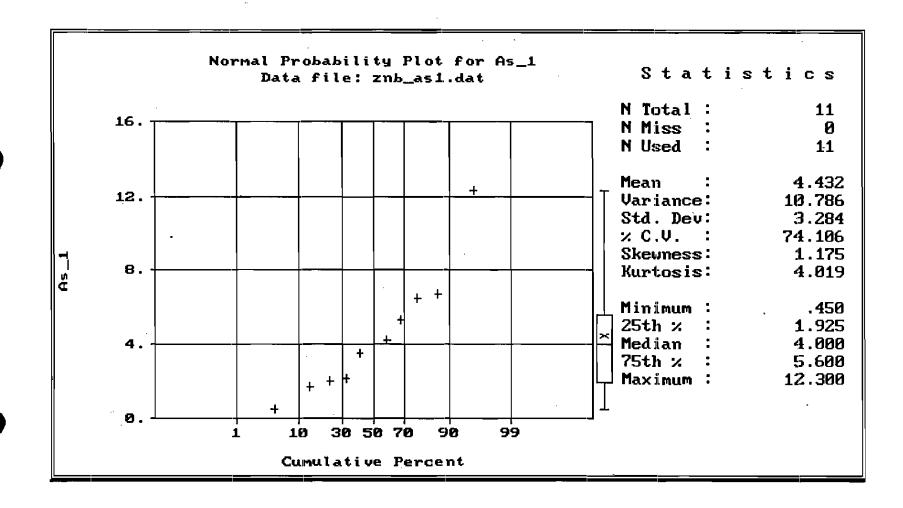




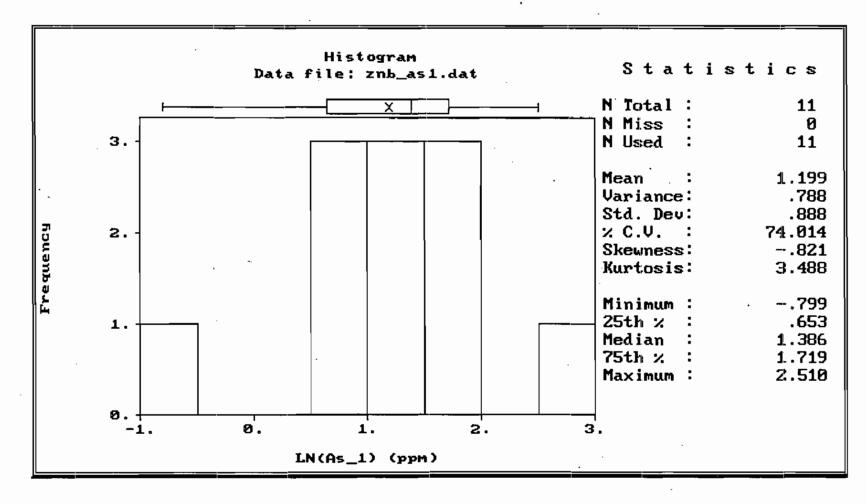
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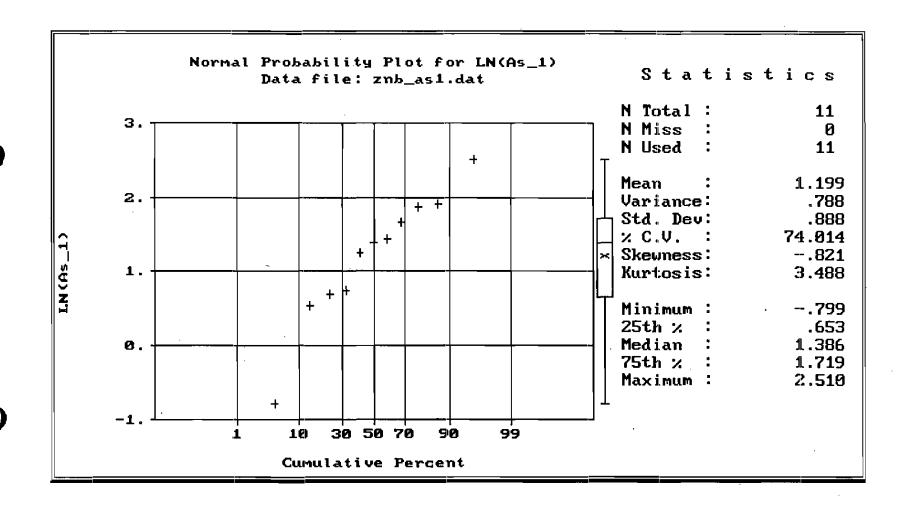
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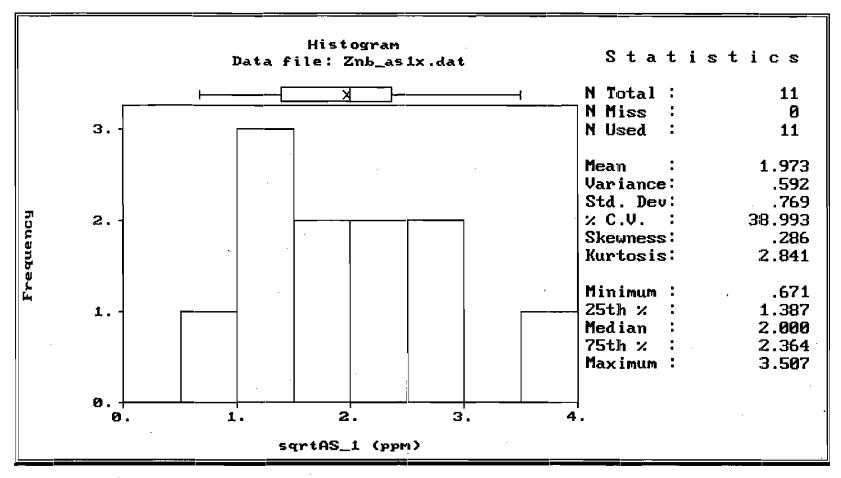


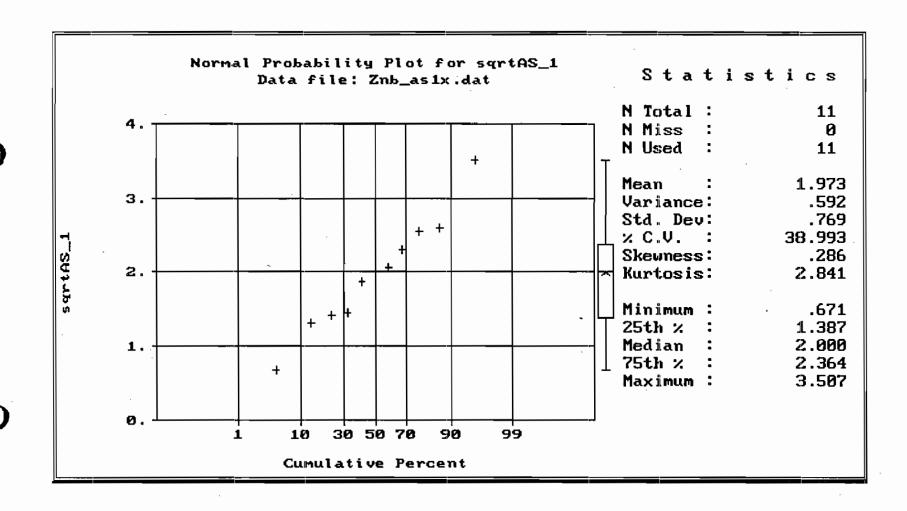
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MEMO 1/15/97

FROM:

EnSafe SCDHEC

RE:

TO:

Background concentrations in Zone B soils

This memo responds to the following two general questions raised by SCDHEC during their review of the Zone B RFI Report:

- Why is the 95% UTL for arsenic in surface soil so much higher than the maximum reported arsenic concentration in soil samples?
- Is the method cited for UTL determination appropriate for soil? (The EPA reference specifies groundwater.)

The 95% UTL calculated for arsenic in surface soil in Zone B is 90.0 mg/kg (risk = 2E-04), which is the highest arsenic surface soil UTL among the six calculated to date (for Zones A, B, C, E, H, and I). It was calculated by the method presented in Section 5 of the report and previously approved by SCDHEC and USEPA, according to the following formula for log-transformed data values:

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UTL = \exp [X + ks]
= \exp [1.654 + (2.566)(1.109)]
= 89.99 \text{ mg/kg}
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The maximum reported arsenic concentration in Zone B surface soil is 28.7 mg/kg (risk = 8E-05) in grid sample GDBSB01101; the maximum for subsurface soil is 33.9 mg/kg in grid sample GDBSB00102. The calculated 95% UTL for arsenic in subsurface soil in Zone B is 48.9 mg/kg.

Site sample concentrations of inorganic chemicals are compared to background for evidence of site contamination. As explained in Section 5 of the report, the UTL approach for determining background levels was adopted in part because it makes allowance for the natural variability of background chemical distributions. The type of highly variable, naturally occurring background concentrations seen in NAVBASE soils would result in unacceptably high false positive rates of contaminant determination if the comparisons were made using the "2 x mean" or similar rule-of-thumb approaches. In answer to the second question shown above, the UTL method is purely a statistically-based answer to the problem of data variability, and should not be limited to a specific environmental medium. The same kinds of random mixing and dilution that yield the observed distribution of chemical concentrations in groundwater apply to soil concentrations. In the past, USEPA has recommended the use of upper tolerance limits for soils in the context of deciding whether a site meets cleanup standards (Methods for Evaluating the Attainment of Cleanup Standards Volume I: Soils and Solid Media, EPA 230/02-89-042, 1989). The fact that the tolerance limit method may be discussed in USEPA guidance exclusively in terms of groundwater monitoring is largely a function of publication dates for soil and groundwater guidance vs. evolving ideas about appropriate statistical methods.

A tolerance interval is constructed to contain a designated proportion of the population. If it is designed to contain 95% of all possible samples, the 5% of the samples that can be expected to exceed the UTL

represent the false positive rate for uncontaminated sites. To contain the desired 95% of the population ("95% coverage") with 95% confidence, the UTL must be set somewhat higher than would be the case for a lower confidence level. Use of UTLs with 95% coverage and 95% confidence is justified because the UTL test is intended to identify individual "hot spot" samples only; the companion Wilcoxon test is designed to identify entire sites whose sample concentrations significantly exceed background.

Background arsenic concentrations in Zone B surface soil are lognormally distributed, as are most elemental metal concentrations in uncontaminated soils worldwide (Frink, C. R., 1996, A Perspective on Metals in Soils, Journal of Soil Contamination, 5(4):329-359). Compared to the normal distribution, the lognormal distribution is generally a better representation of the reality of environmental data values; and use of the lognormal distribution allows analysis of datasets using standard statistical methods. Page 2 of the 1992 Addendum to the Interim Final Guidance, Statistical Analysis of Ground-water Monitoring Data at RCRA Facilities contains a discussion of lognormal environmental data, with possible explanations of why lognormal distributions often apply.

One effect of employing the lognormal distribution as a model is to incorporate high-end data values that might otherwise be considered outliers. To include 95% of the lognormally distributed values within the tolerance interval with 95% confidence, the UTL must be set relatively high. For the rather small surface soil datasets in Zone B (both background and site), the highest observed data values (i.e., the largest observed concentrations) can be expected to be considerably lower than the UTL, simply because the highest background surface soil concentrations in the ground were probably not seen in the limited volume of soil that was sampled. Since the UTL is based on a theoretical distribution, it takes these possibly unseen higher concentrations into account. The highest observed arsenic concentration in surface soil at a Zone B site is 5.4 mg/kg (risk = 1E-05) in sample 507SB00301, which is lower than the maximum background concentration for Zone B (28.7 mg/kg) and lower than the lowest arsenic surface soil UTL for any zone (9.4 mg/kg for Zone A), indicating that the relatively high UTL in Zone B should not be of concern because none of the site samples comes close to exceeding it.

The maximum arsenic surface soil concentration (5.4 mg/kg) equates with a human health risk of 1E-05. The maximum arsenic surface soil concentration in background samples (28.7 mg/kg) equates with a risk of 8E-05. The arsenic UTL calculated for Zone B surface soil (90 mg/kg) equates with a risk of 2E-04. USEPA has accepted arsenic-related risk up to 1E-03 due to the low mortality rate of the associated cancer. Consequently, arsenic soil concentrations for AOC 507 and Zone B background would not result in an unacceptable risk.

The method for determining COPCs at NAVBASE sites uses a twofold decision process. One is a direct comparison of maximum site sample concentrations with UTLs and the other is a comparison of site vs. background populations (the Wilcoxon rank sum test). Arsenic concentrations in surface soil at AOC 507 neither exceeded the background UTL individually nor were significantly higher than the background population as a group. Therefore, arsenic was not considered in the formal human health risk assessment for AOC 507.

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3.031	225	1.824
2.911	250	1.814
2.815	275	1.806
2.736	300	1.799
2.670	325	1.792
2.614	350	1.787
2.566	375	1.782
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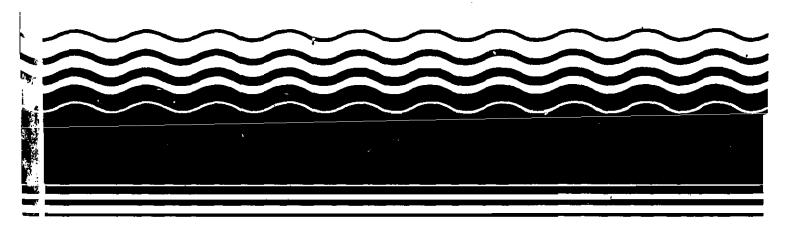
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mercury, there is no significant vapor pressure and H' may be assumed to be zero.

The use of the soil/water partition equation to calculate SSLs assumes an infinite source of contaminants extending to the top of the aquifer. More detailed models may be used to calculate higher SSLs that are still protective in some situations. For example, contaminants at sites with shallow sources, thick unsaturated zones, degradable contaminants, or unsaturated zone characteristics (e.g., clay layers) may attenuate before they reach ground water. The TBD provides information on the use of unsaturated zone models for soil screening. The decision to use such models should be based on balancing the additional investigative and modeling costs required to apply the more complex models against the cost savings that will result from higher SSLs.

Leach Test. A leach test may be used instead of the soil/water partition equation. In some instances, a leach test may be more useful than the partitioning method, depending on the constituents of concern and the possible presence of RCRA wastes. If this option is chosen, soil parameters are not needed for this pathway. However, a dilution factor must still be calculated. This guidance suggests using the EPA Synthetic Precipitation Leaching Procedure (SPLP, EPA SW-846 Method 1312, U.S. EPA, 1994d). The SPLP was developed to model an acid rain leaching environment and is generally appropriate for a contaminated soil scenario. Like most leach tests, the SPLP may not be appropriate for all situations (e.g., soils contaminated with oily constituents may not yield suitable results). Therefore, apply the SPLP with discretion.

EPA is aware that many leach tests are available for application at hazardous waste sites, some of which may be appropriate in specific situations (e.g., the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) models leaching in a municipal landfill environment). It is beyond the scope of this document to discuss in detail leaching procedures and the appropriateness of their use.

Stabilization/Solidification of CERCLA and RCRA Wastes (U.S. EPA, 1989b) and the EPA SAB's review of leaching tests (U.S. EPA, 1991b) discuss the application of various leach tests to various

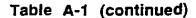
waste disposal scenarios. Consult these documents for further information.

See Step 3 for guidance on collecting subsurface soil samples that can be used for leach tests. To ensure adequate precision of leach test results, leach tests should be conducted in triplicate.

Dilution Factor Model. As soil leachate moves through soil and ground water, contaminant concentrations are attenuated by adsorption and degradation. In the aguifer, dilution by clean ground water further reduces concentrations before contaminants reach receptor points (i.e., drinking water wells). This reduction in concentration can be expressed by a dilution attenuation factor (DAF), defined as the ratio of soil leachate concentration to receptor point concentration. The lowest possible DAF is 1, corresponding to the situation where there is no dilution or attenuation of a contaminant (i.e., when the concentration in the receptor well is equal to the soil leachate concentration). On the other hand, high DAF values correspond to a large reduction in contaminant concentration from the contaminated soil to the receptor well.

The Soil Screening Guidance addresses only one of these dilution-attenuation processes: contaminant dilution in ground water. A simple mixing zone equation derived from a water-balance relationship (Equation 11) is used to calculate a site-specific dilution factor. Mixing-zone depth is estimated from Equation 12, which relates it to aquifer thickness along with the other parameters from Equation 11. Mixing zone depth should not exceed aquifer thickness (i.e., use aquifer thickness as the upper limit for mixing zone depth).

Because of the uncertainty resulting from the wide variability in subsurface conditions that affect contaminant migration in ground water, defaults are not provided for the dilution model equations. Instead, a default DAF of 20 has been selected as protective for contaminated soil sources up to 0.5 acre in size. Analyses using the mass-limit models described below suggest that a DAF of 20 may be protective of larger sources as well; however, this hypothesis should be evaluated on a site-specific basis. A discussion of the basis for the default DAF and a description of the mass-limit analysis is found in the TBD. However, since migration to ground



Inorganics				Migration to	ground water
CAS No.	Compound	Ingestion (mg/kg)	inhalation fugitive particulate (mg/kg)	20 DAF (mg/kg)	1 DAF (mg/kg)
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7440-38-2	Arsenic	- 0.4 ^e	750 ^e	29 ⁱ	1 i
7440-39-3	Barium	· 5,500 b	6.9E+05 b	1,600 ⁱ	82 ⁱ
7440-41-7	Beryllium	0.1 •	1,300 *	63 ⁱ	3 ⁱ
7440-43-9	Cadmium	78 ^{b,m}	1,800 *	8 ⁱ	0.4 ⁱ
7440-47-3	Chromium (total)	390 b	270 °	¥38 ⁱ	2 ⁱ
16065-83-1	Chromium (III)	78,000 ^b	c	9	 9
18540-29-9	Chromium (VI)	390 ^b	· 270 °.	38 ⁱ	2 ⁱ
57-12-5	Cyanide (amenable)	1,600 ^b	_ c	40	2
7439-92-1	Lead	- 400 ^k	k	k	_ k
7440-02-0	Nickel	1,600 ^b	13,000 *	130 ⁱ	7 ⁱ
7782-49-2	Selenium	390 ^b	с	5 ⁱ	0.3 ⁱ
7440-22-4	Silver	390 ^b	_ c	34 ^{b,i}	2 ^{b,i}
7440-28-0	Thallium	_ c	c	0.7 ⁱ	0.04. ⁱ
7440-62-2	Venedium	550 ^b	c	6,000 b	300 p
7440-66-6	Zinc	23,000 b	c	12,000 ^{b,i}	620 ^{b,i}

DAF = Dilution and attenuation factor.

m SSL is based on dietary RfD.

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^a Screening levels based on human health criteria only.

^b Calculated values correspond to a noncancer hazard quotient of 1.

C No toxicity criteria available for that route of exposure.

d Soil saturation concentration (C_{sat}).

Calculated values correspond to a cancer risk level of 1 in 1,000,000.

Level is at or below Contract Laboratory Program required quantitation limit for Regular Analytical Services (RAS).

Chemical-specific properties are such that this pathway is not of concern at any soil contaminant concentration.

h A preliminary remediation goal of 1 mg/kg has been set for PCBs based on Guidance on Remedial Actions for Superfund Sites with PCB Contamination (U.S. EPA, 1990) and on EPA efforts to manage PCB contamination.

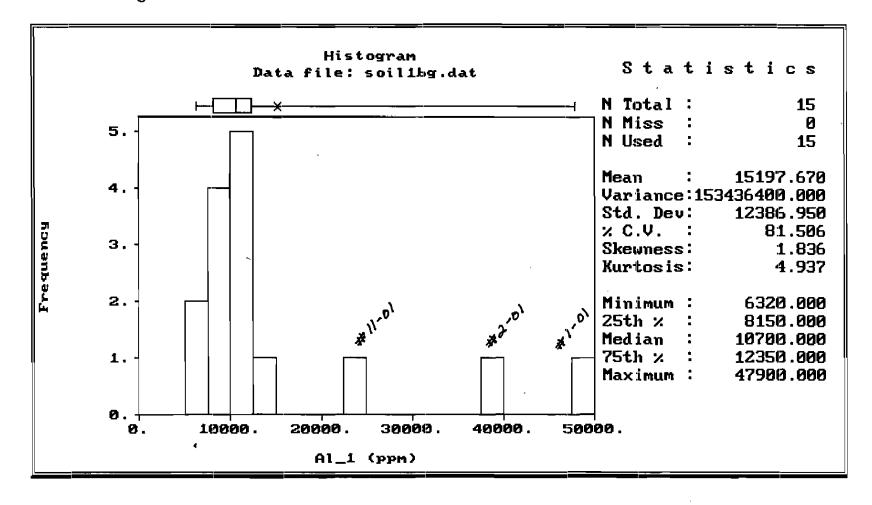
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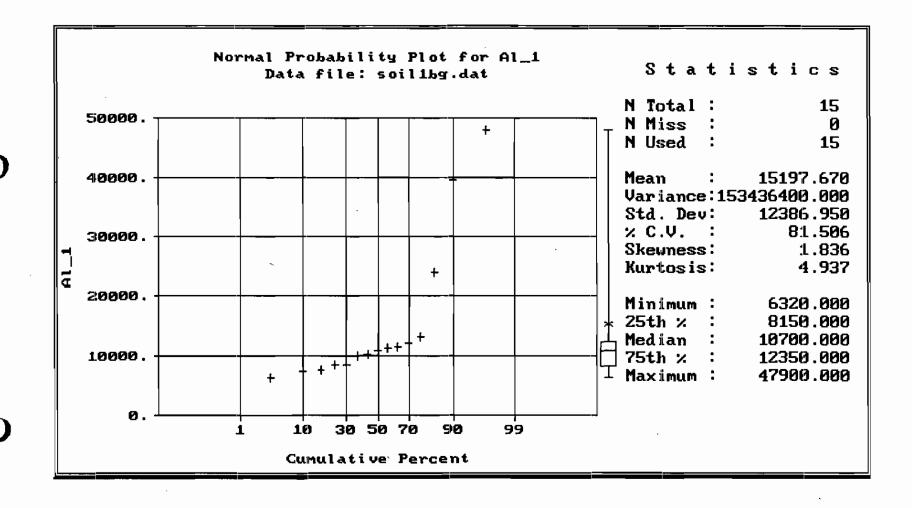
Ingestion SSL adjusted by a factor of 0.5 to account for dermal exposure.

A screening level of 400 mg/kg has been set for lead based on Revised Interim Soil Lead Guidance for CERCLA Sites and RCRA Corrective Action Facilities (U.S. EPA, 1994).

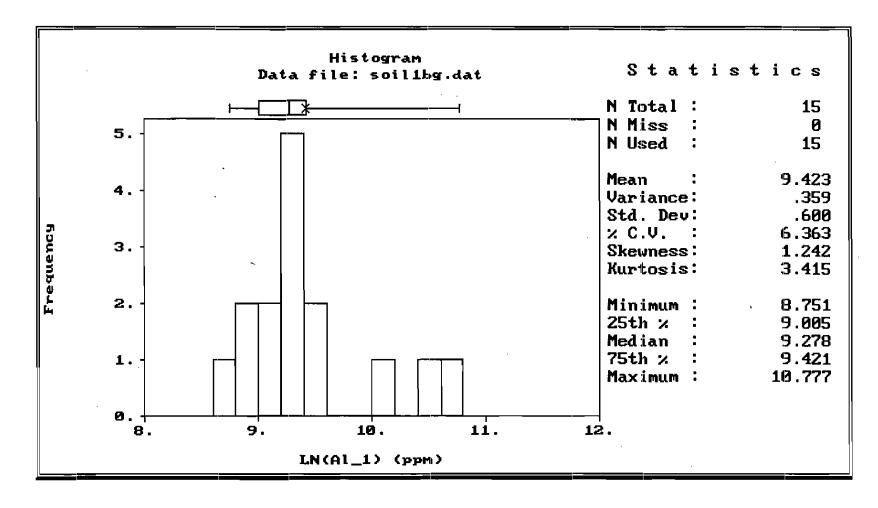
¹ SSL is based on RfD for mercuric chloride (CAS No. 007487-94-7).

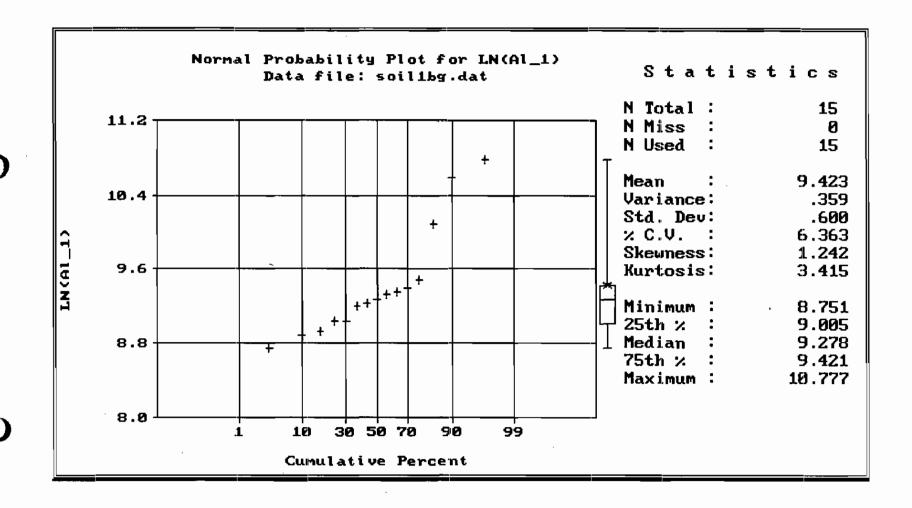
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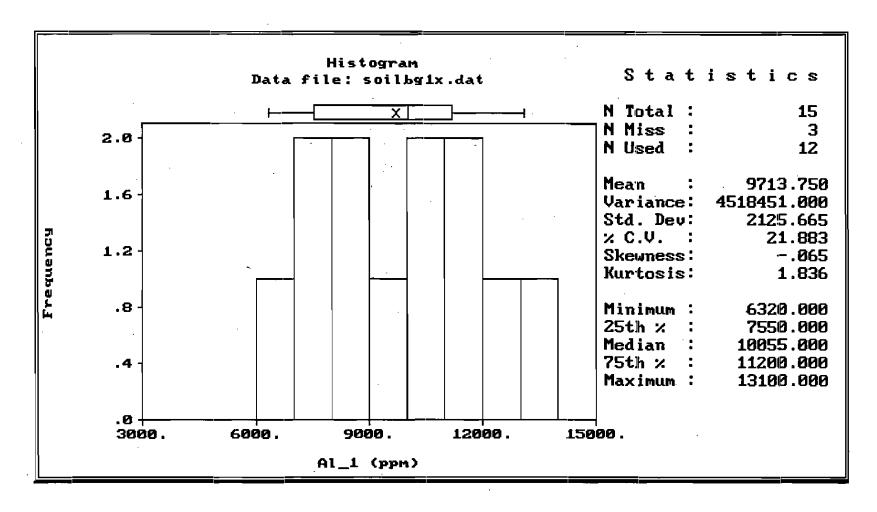


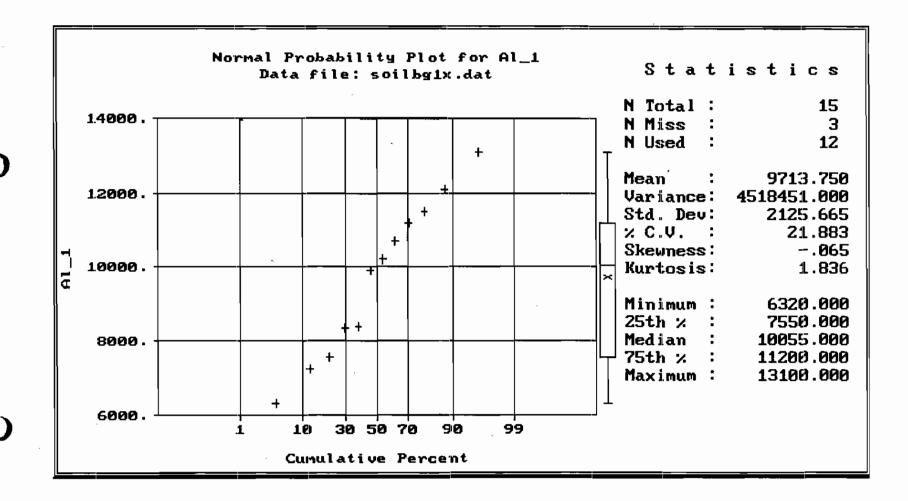
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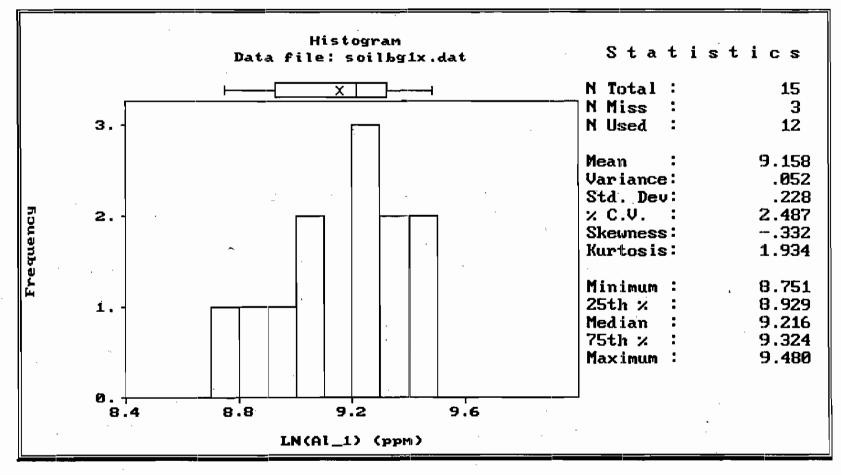
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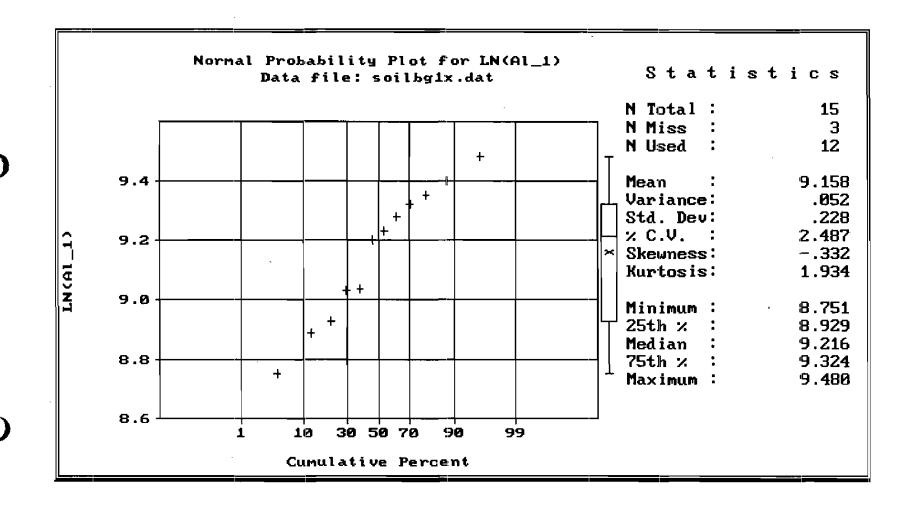




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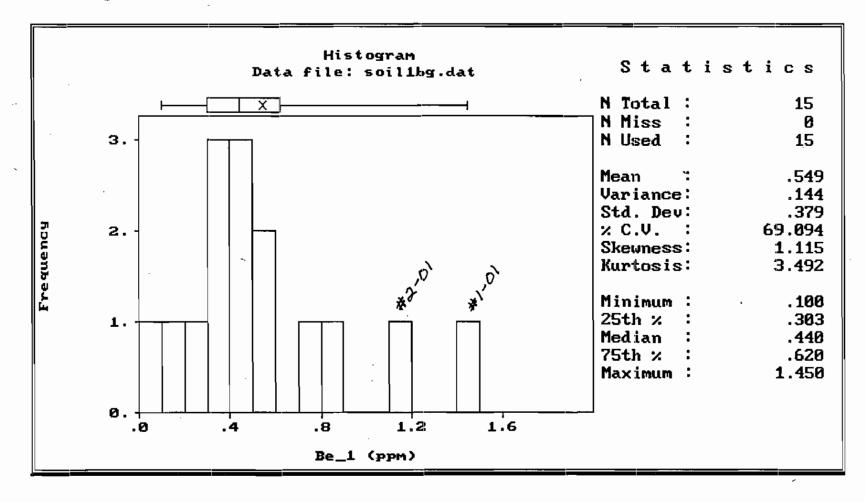


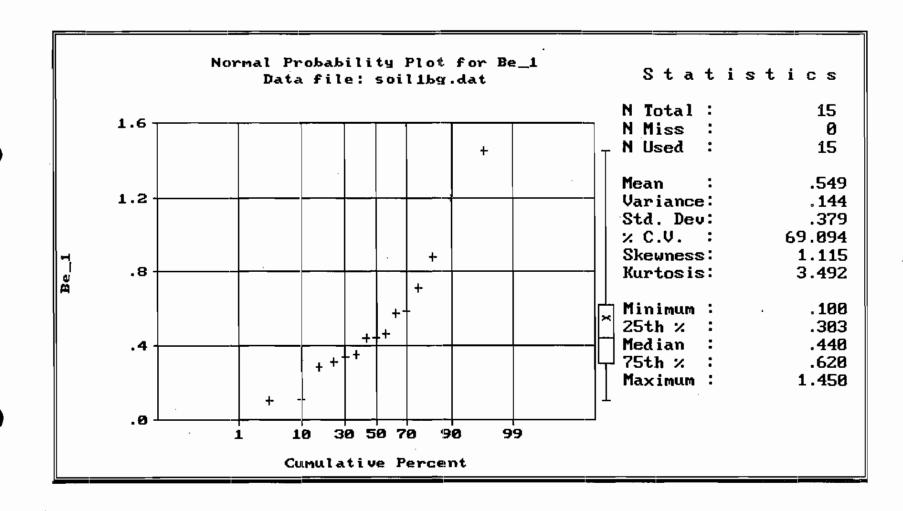
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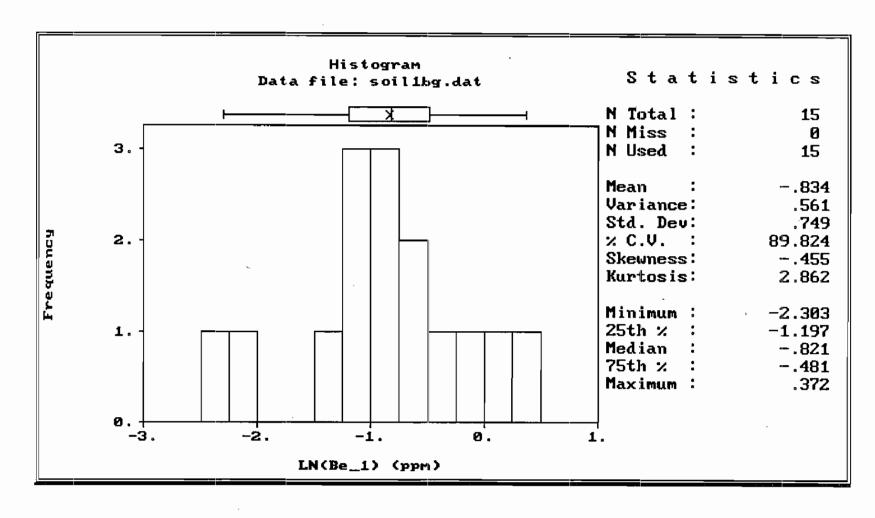
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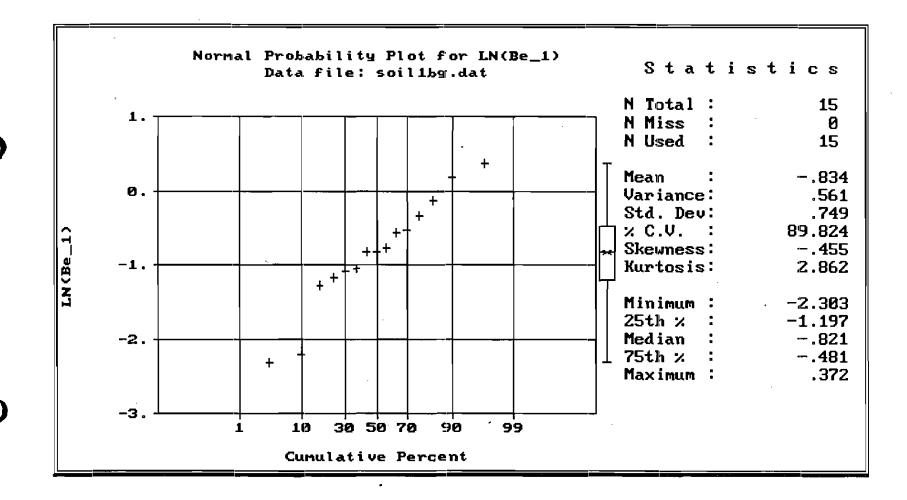
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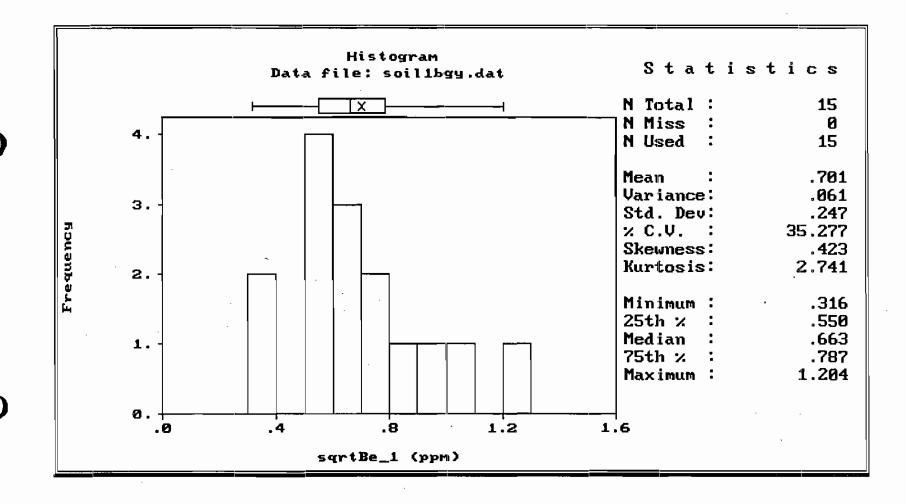


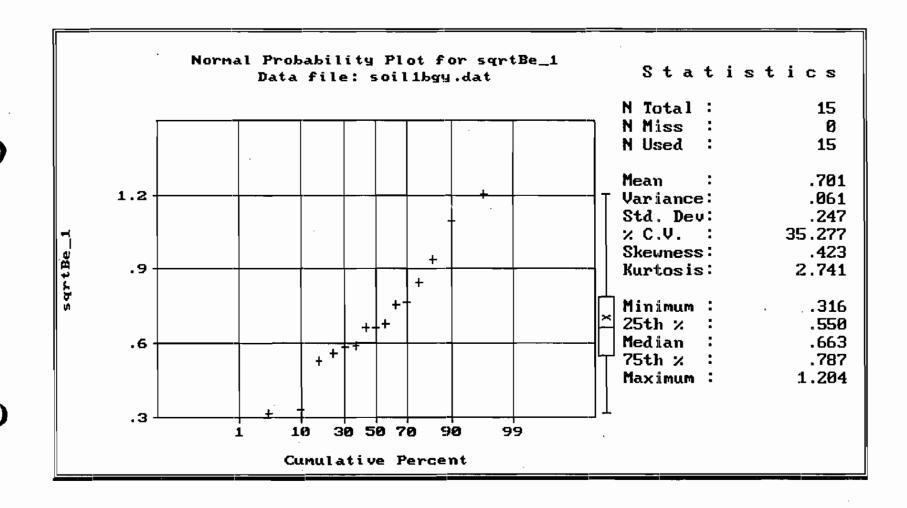
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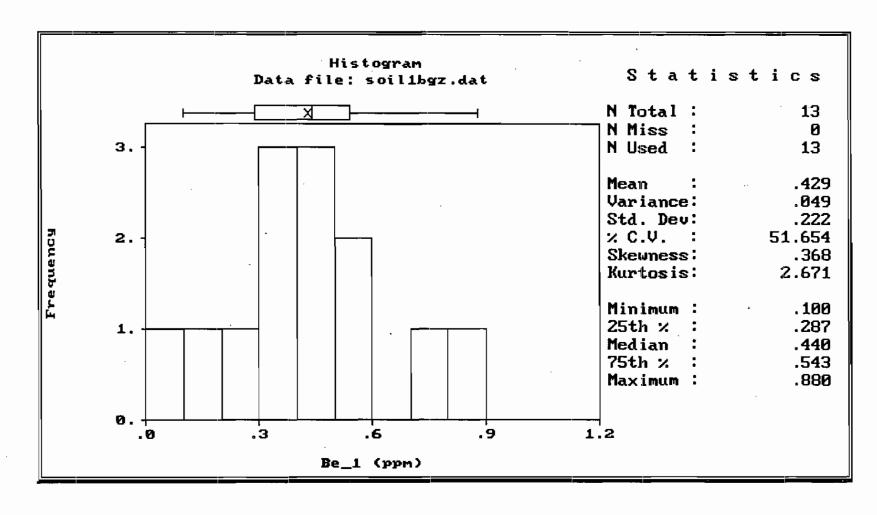


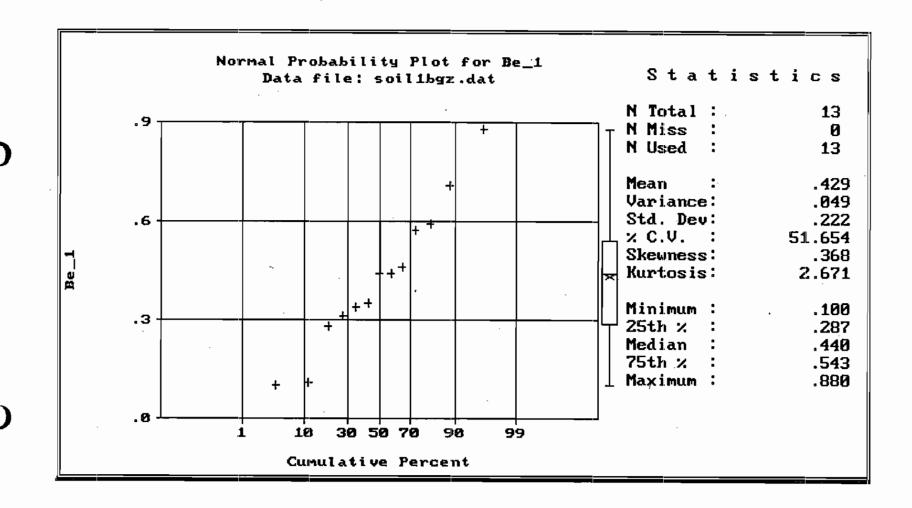
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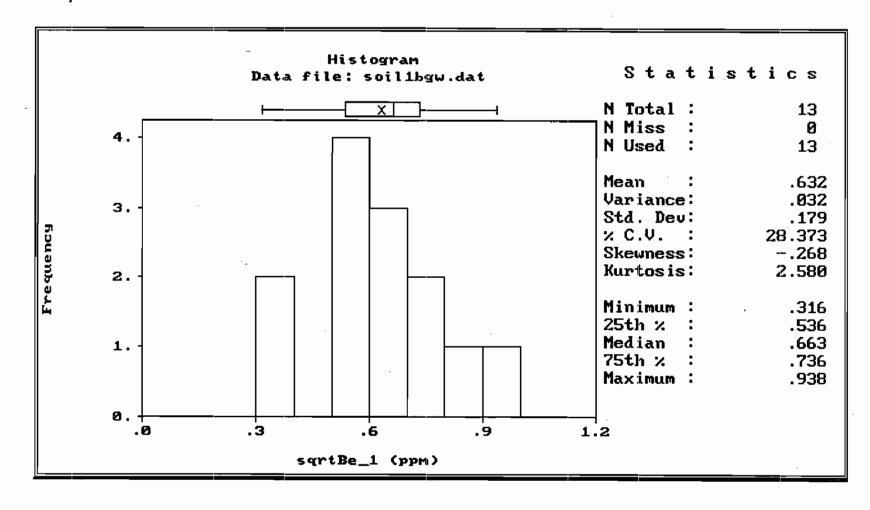


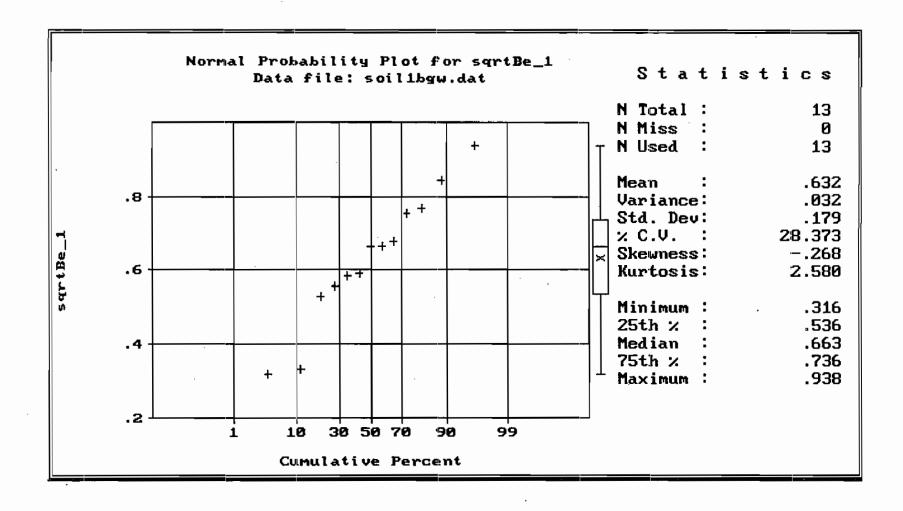
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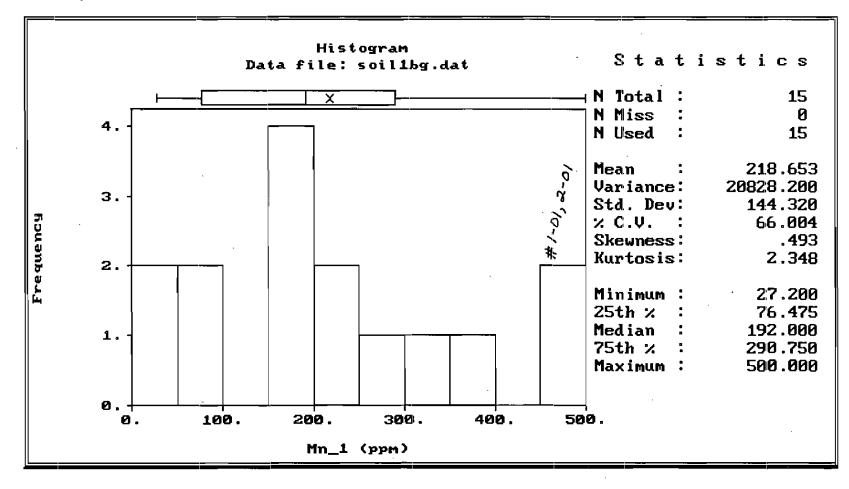


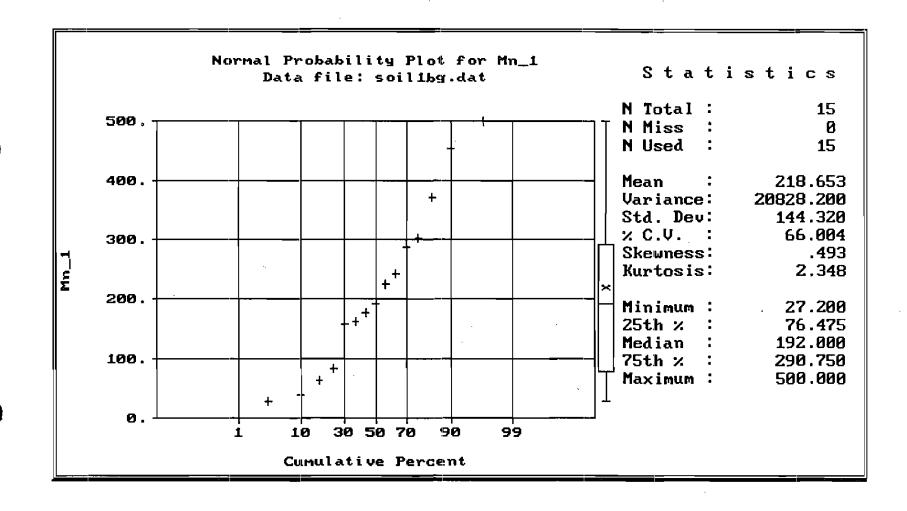
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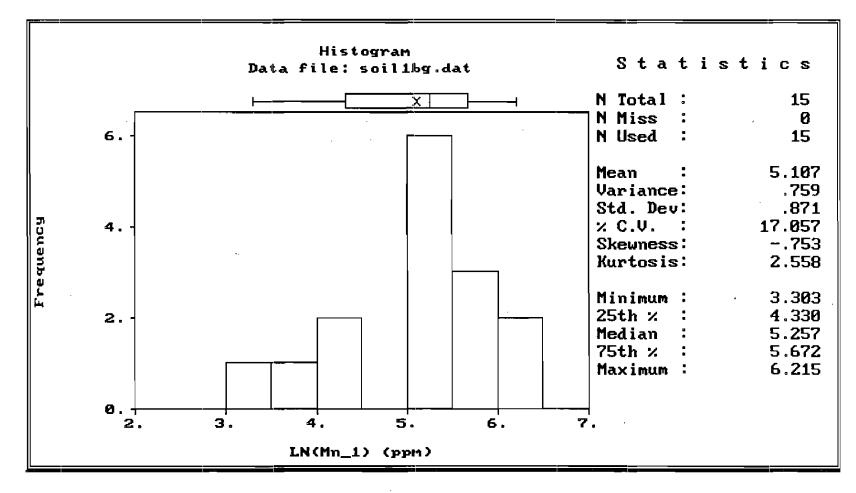


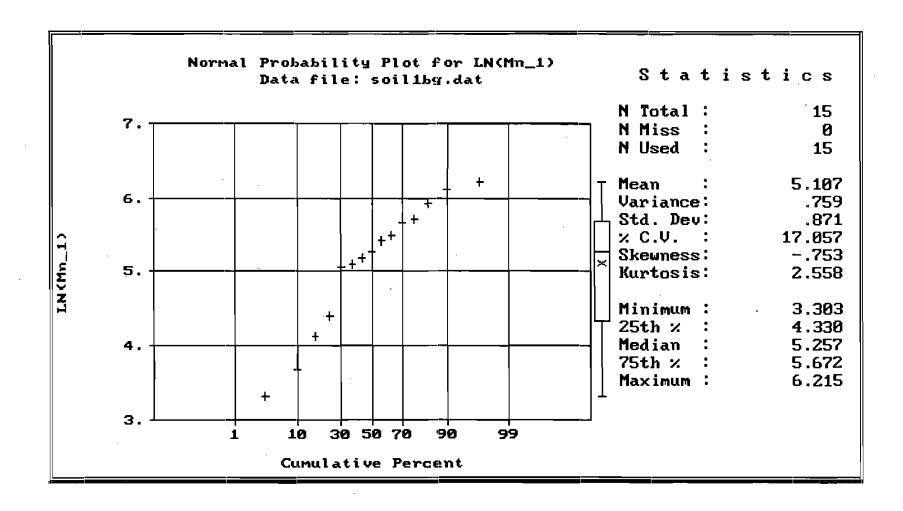
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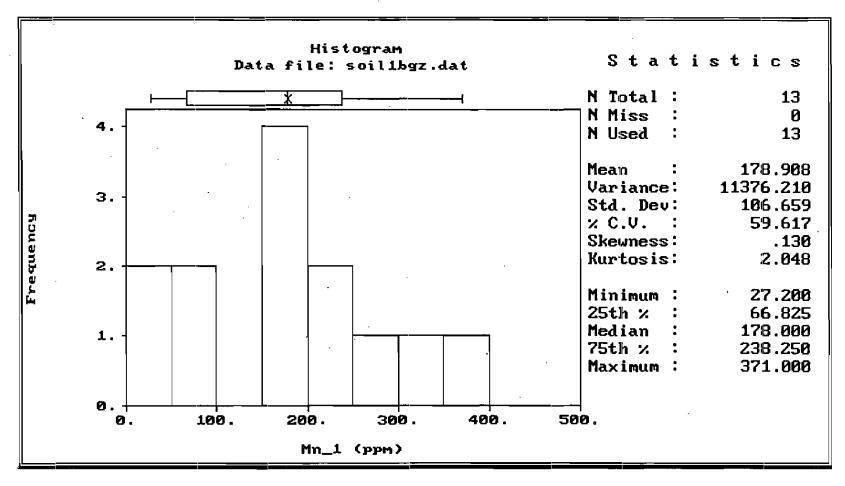


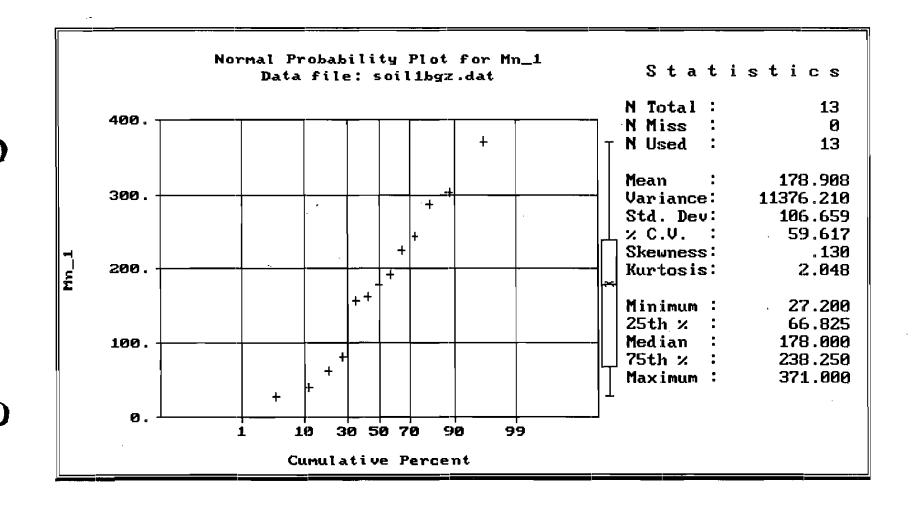
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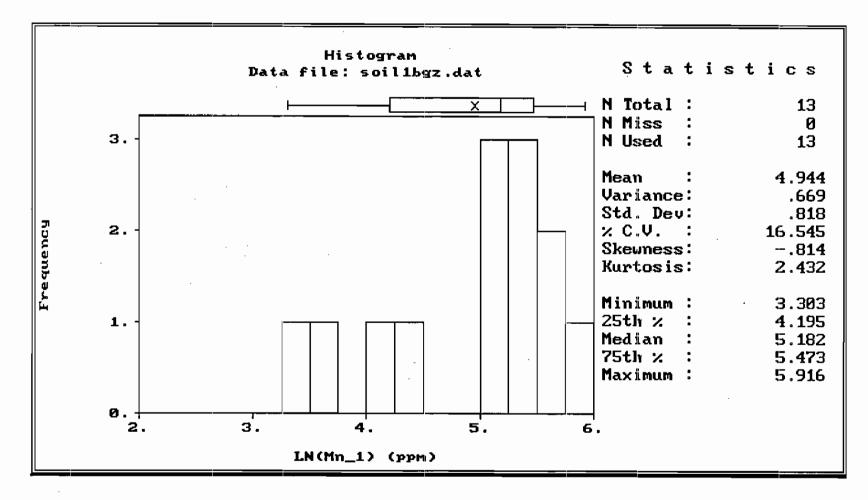
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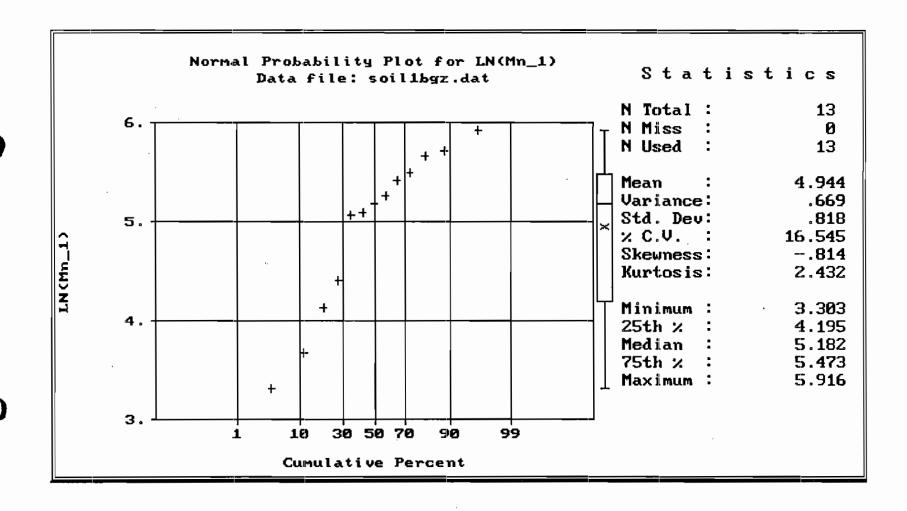
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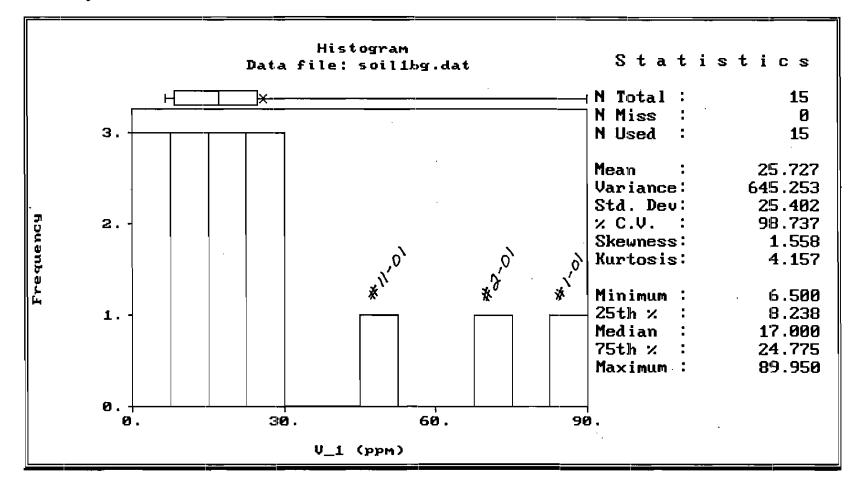


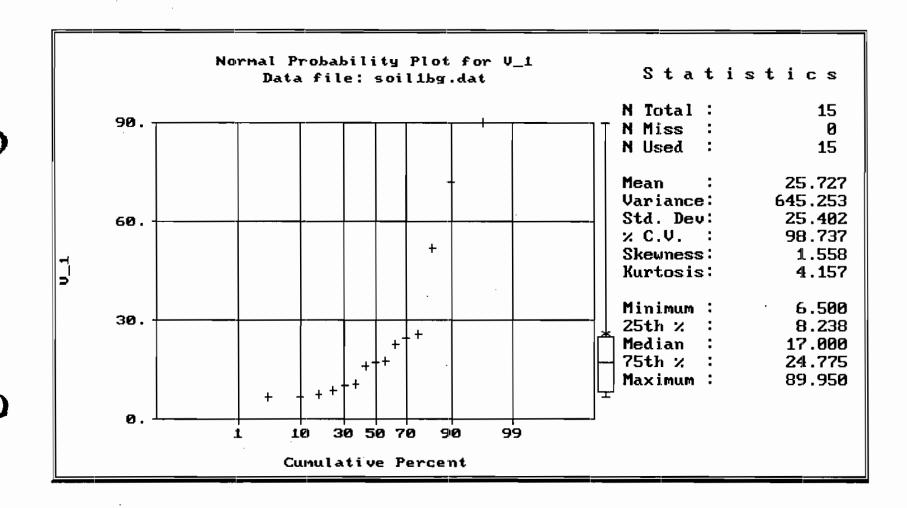
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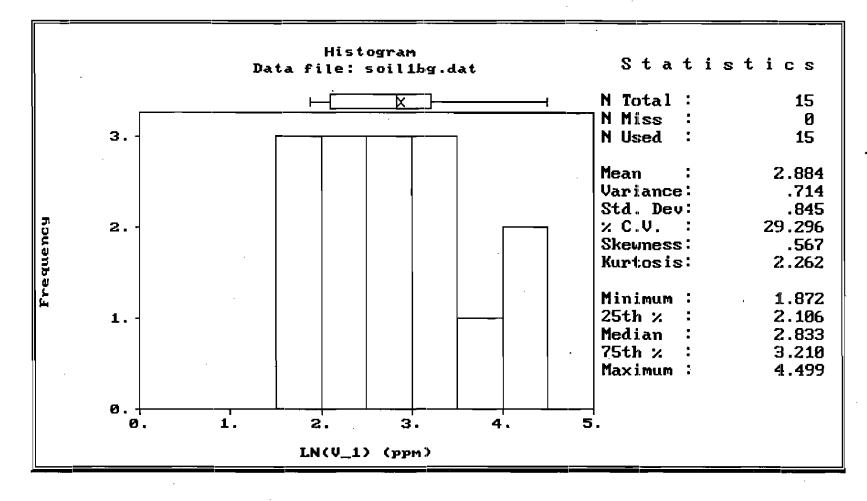


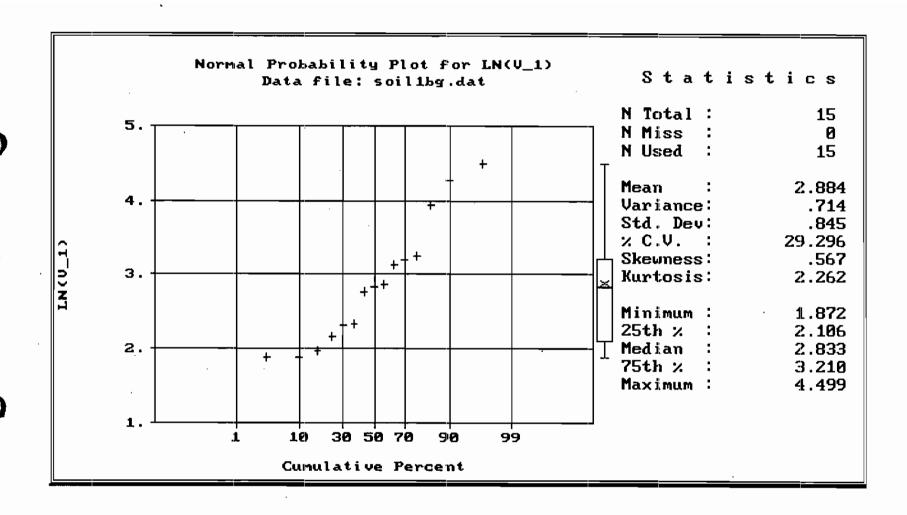
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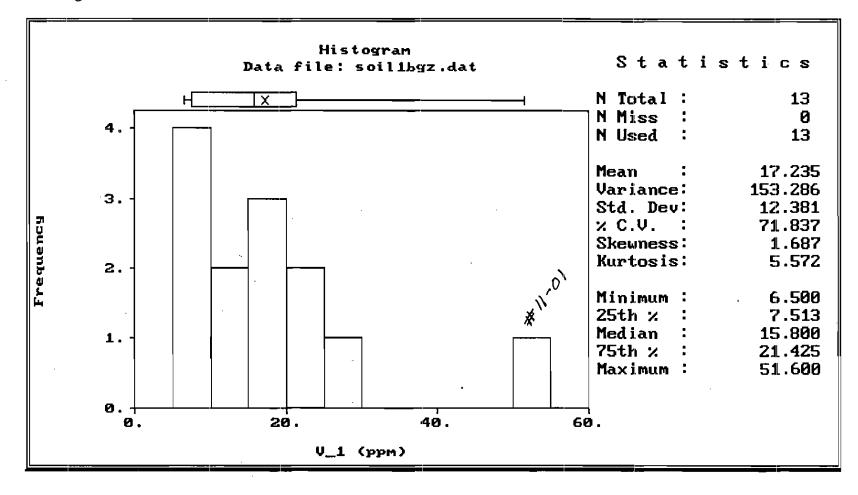


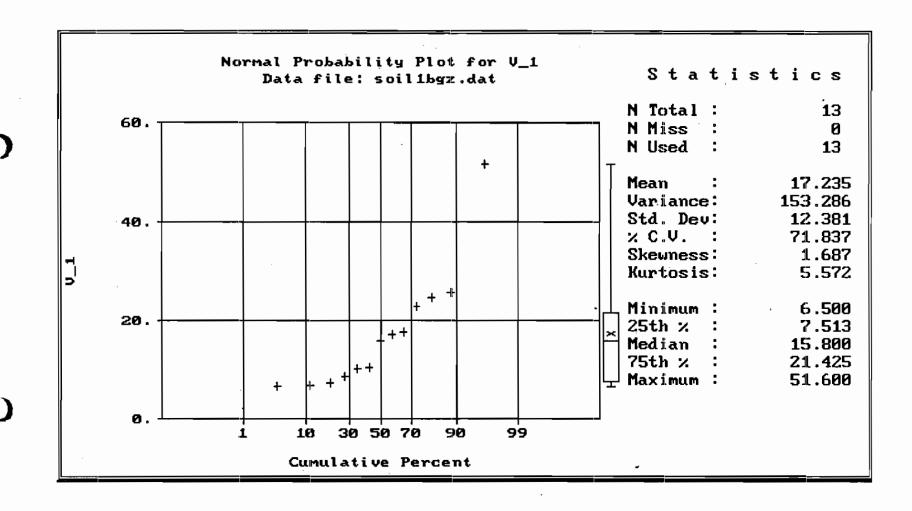
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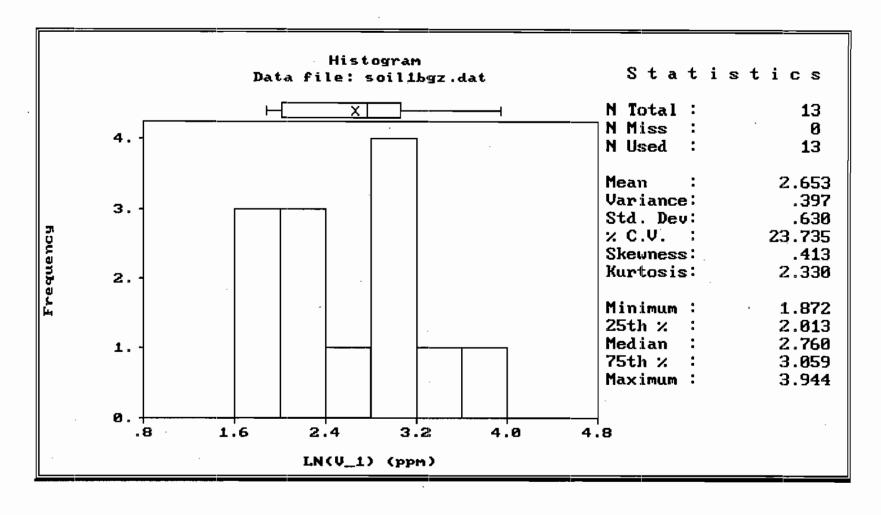


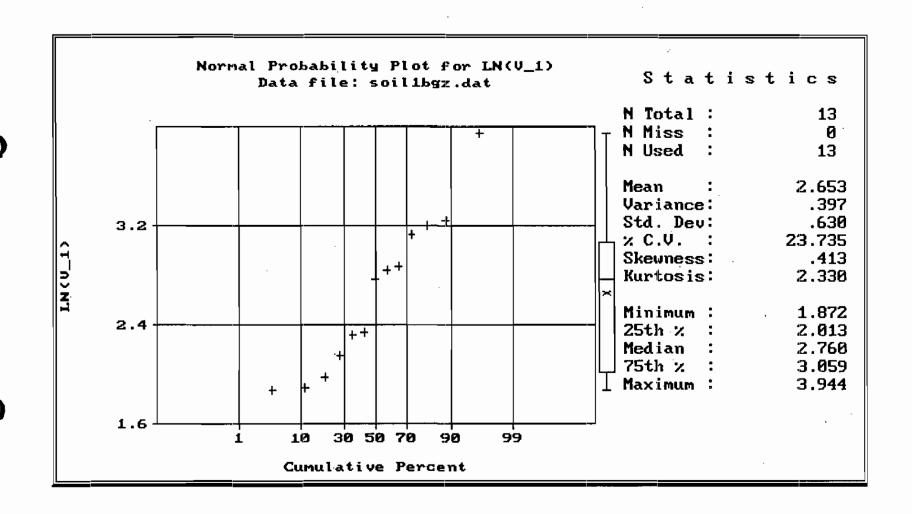
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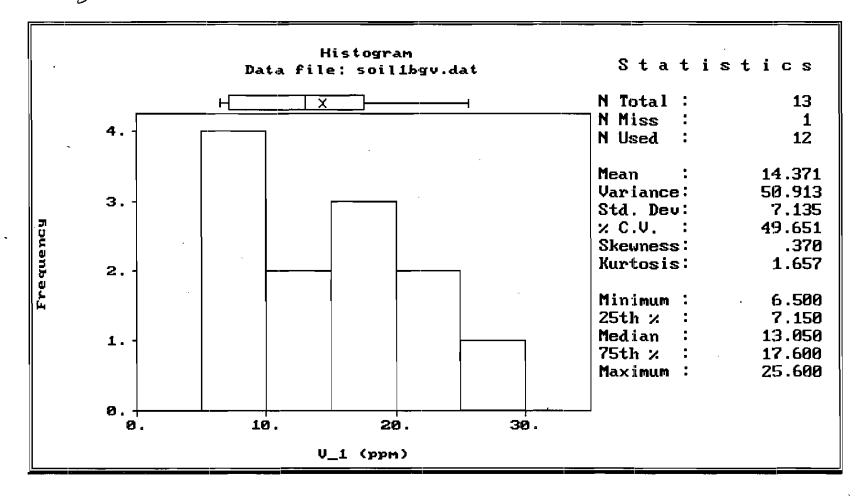


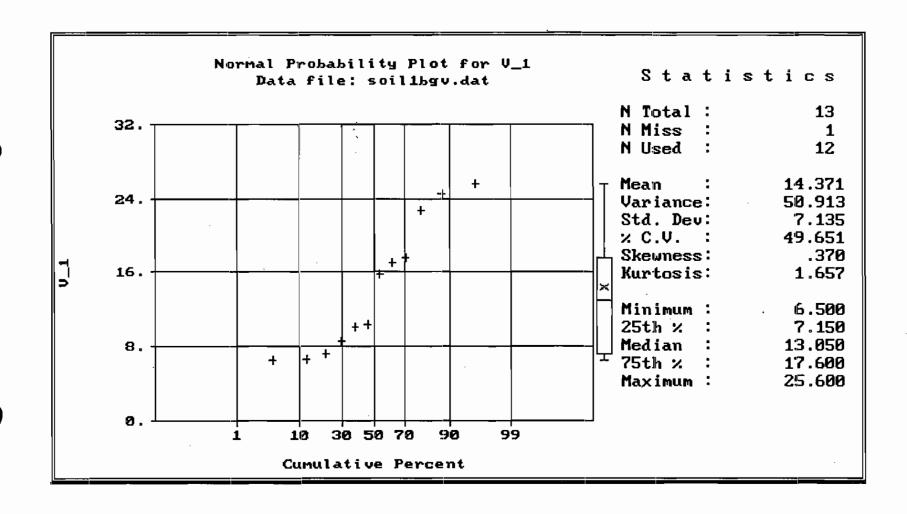
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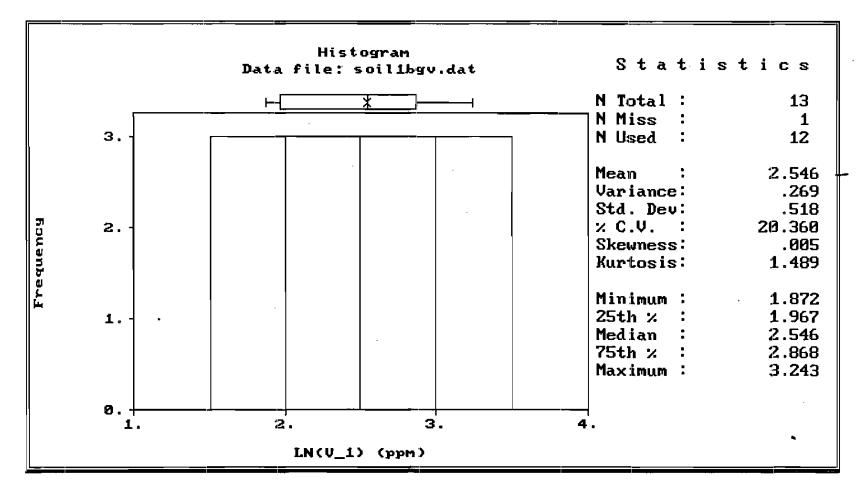


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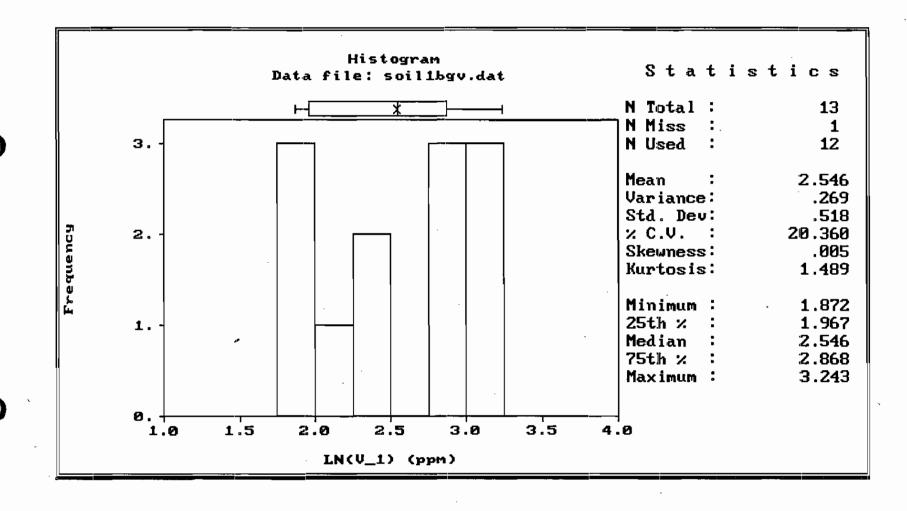


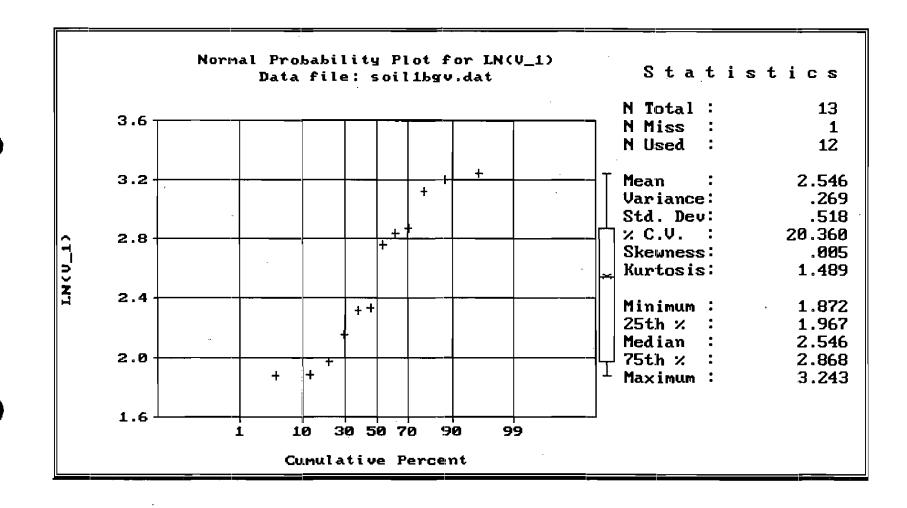


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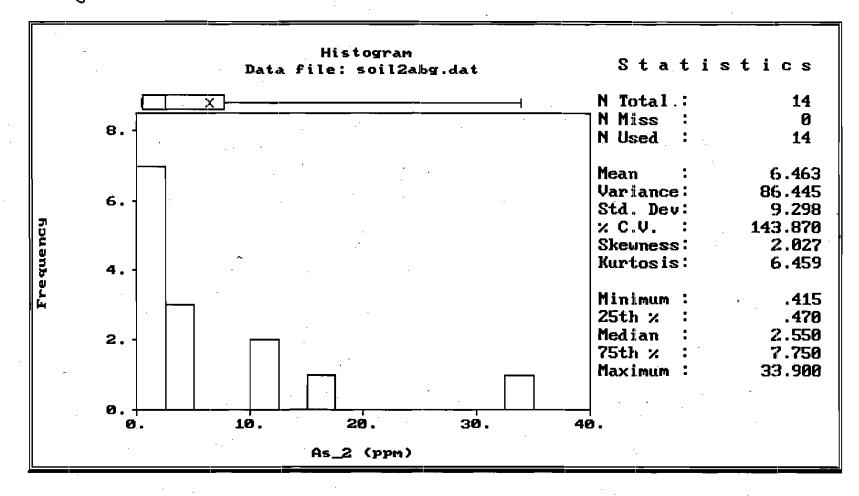


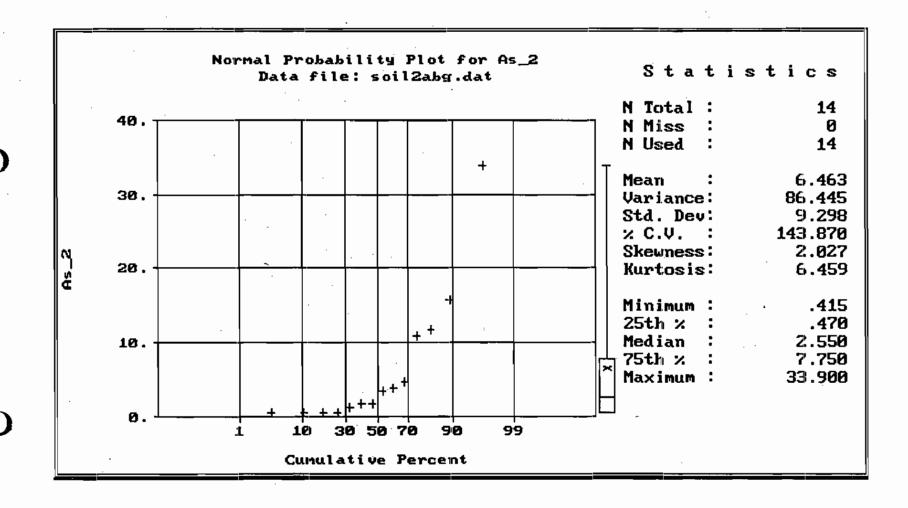
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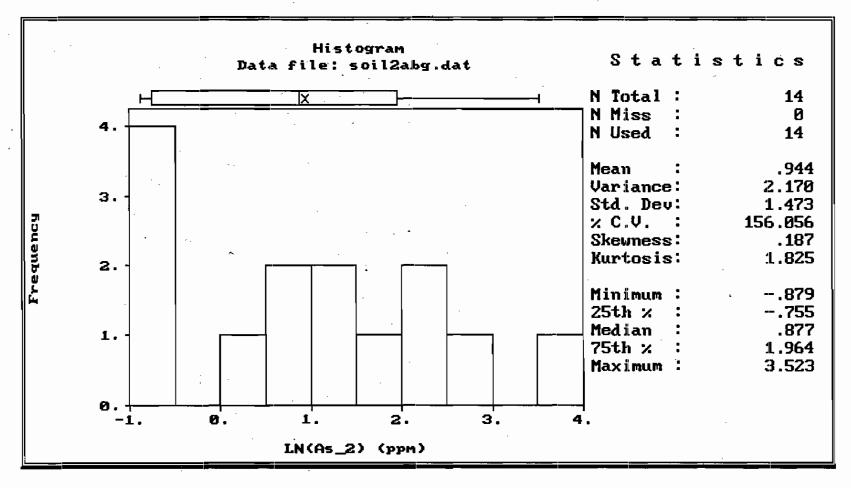


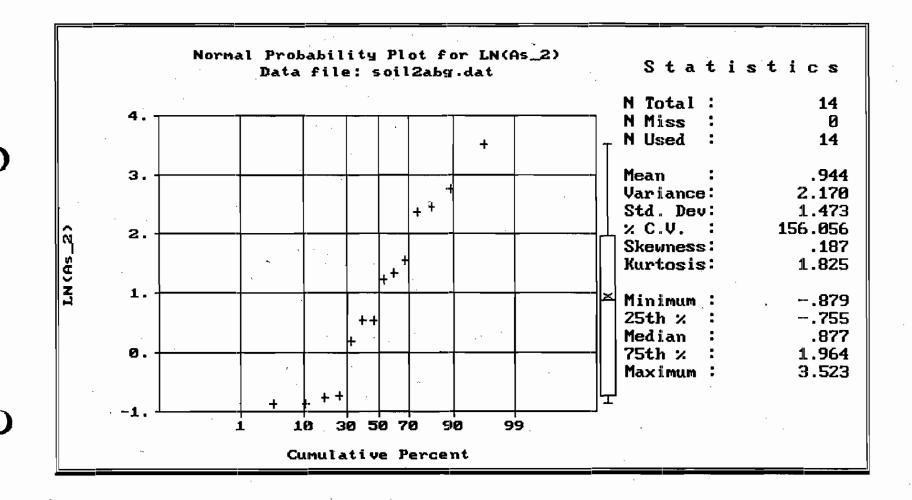
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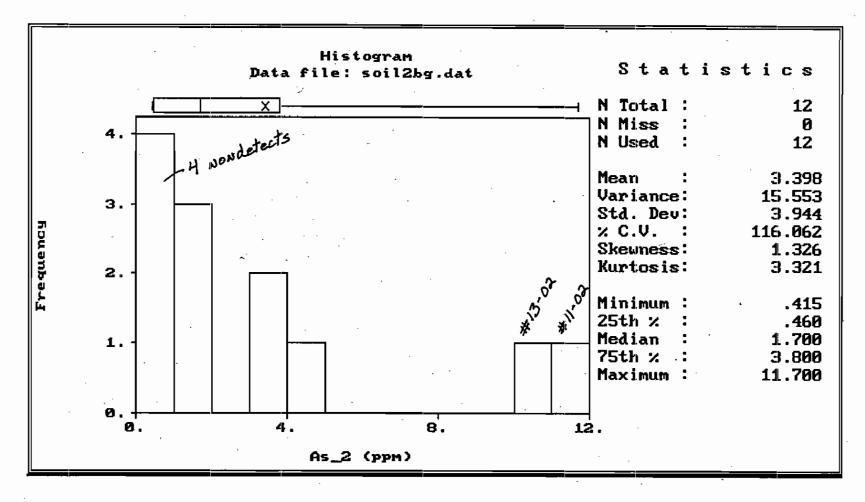


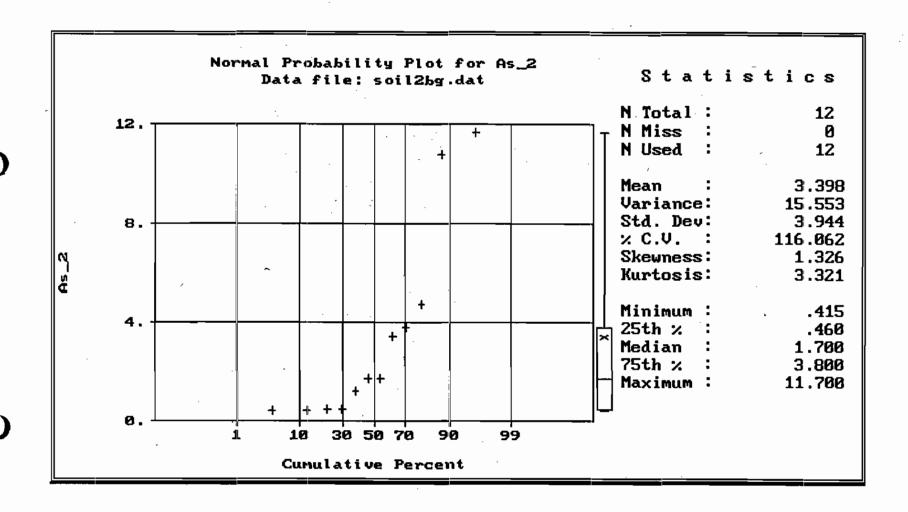
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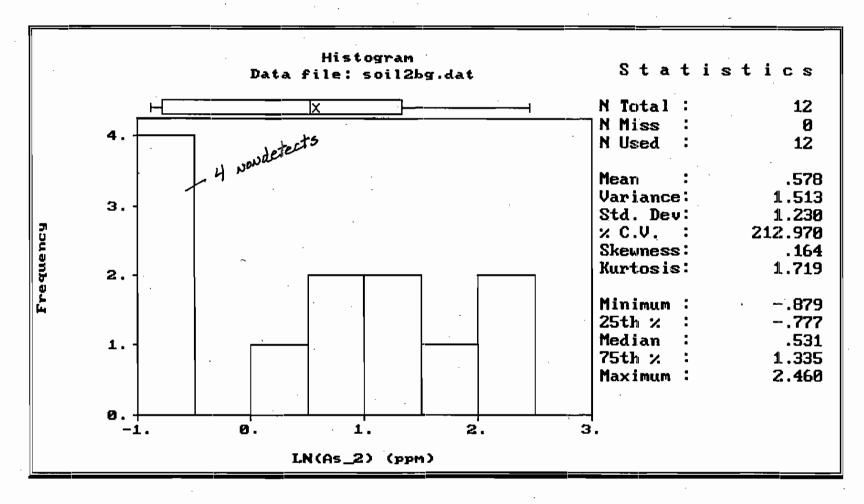


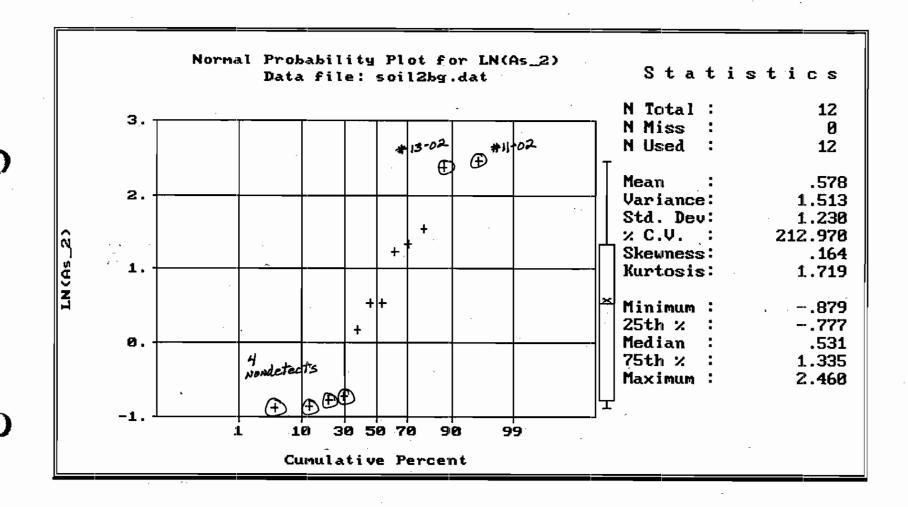
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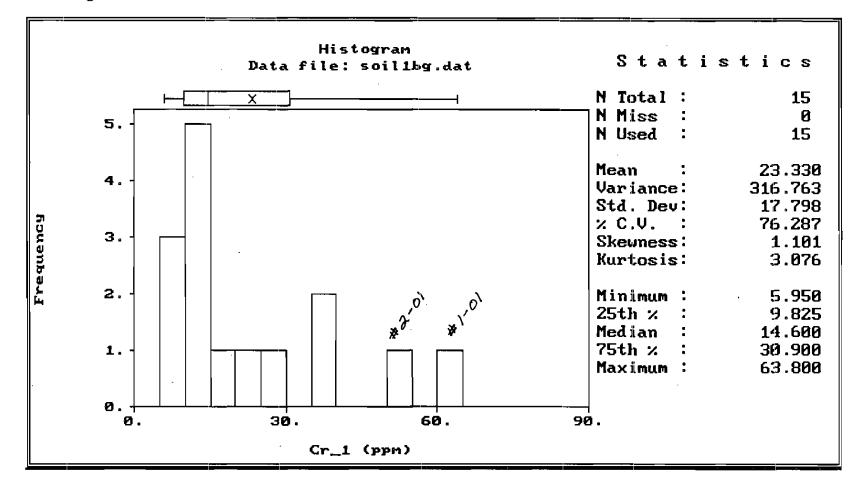
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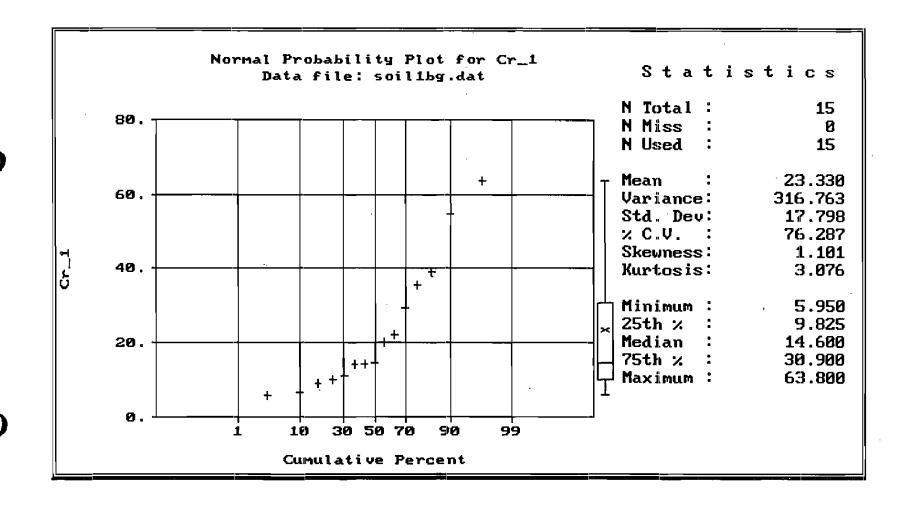




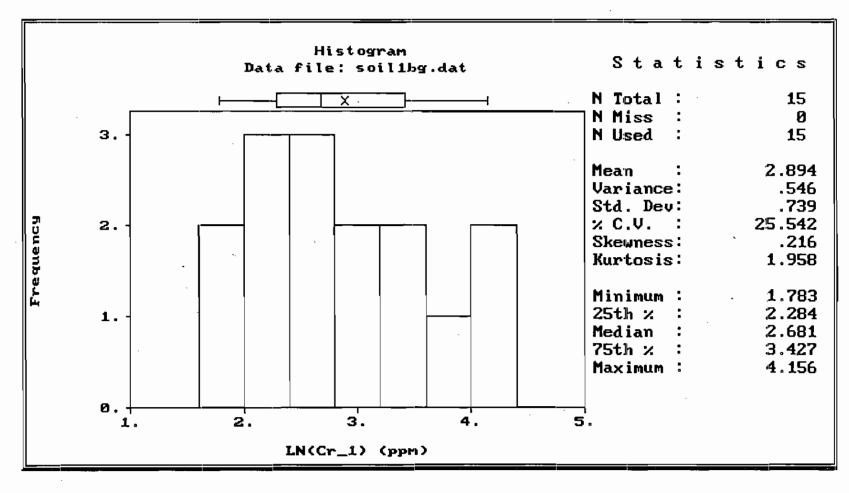
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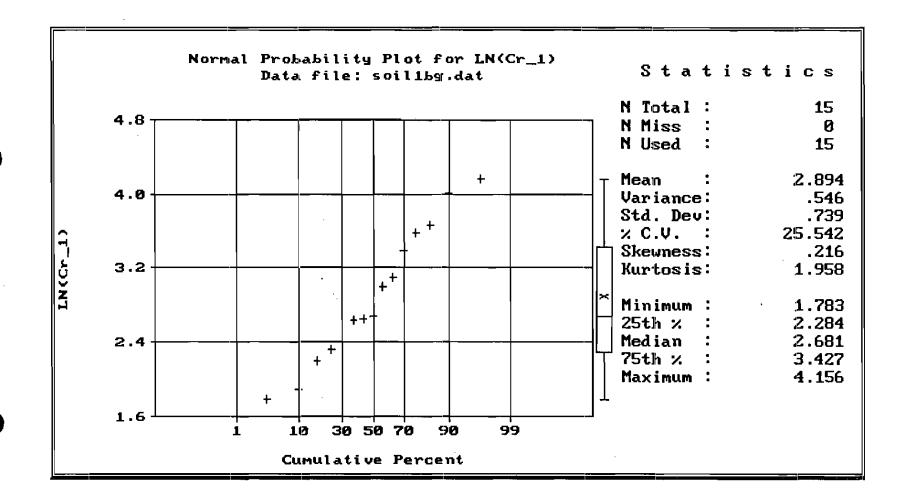
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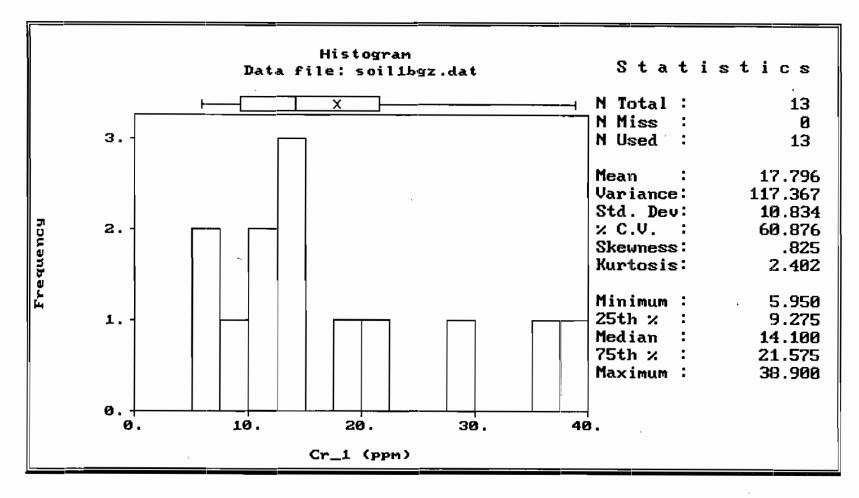


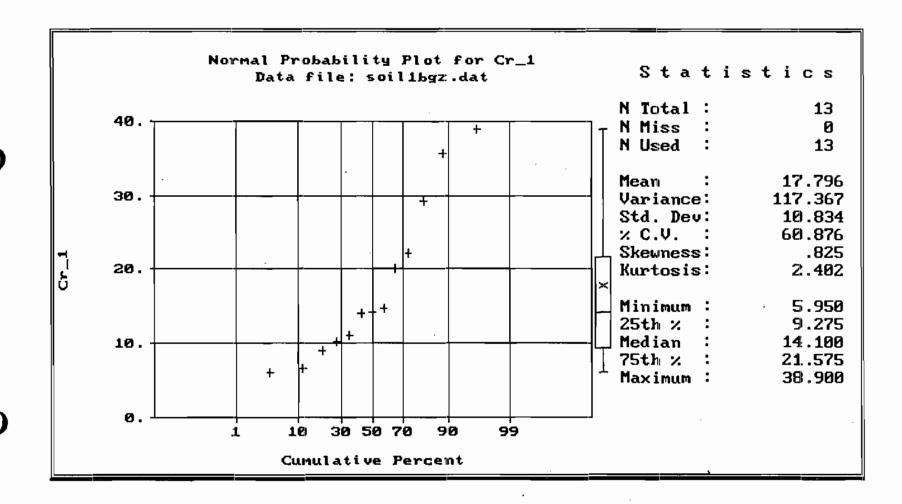
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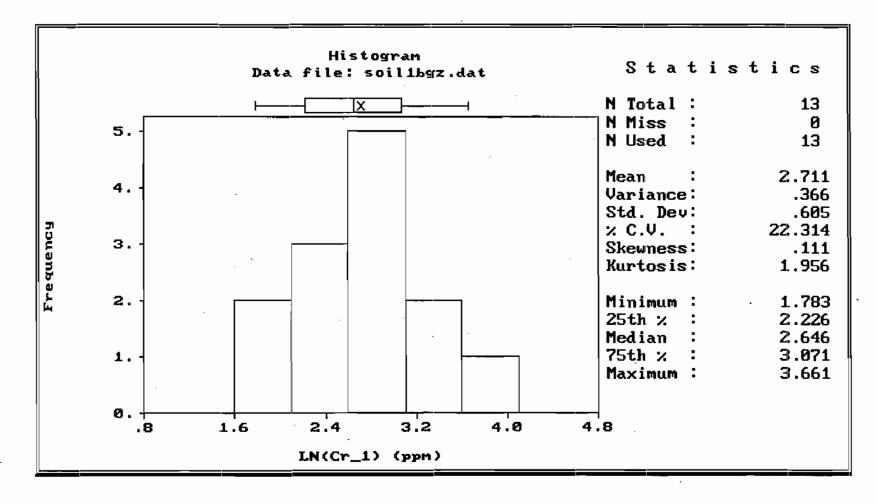
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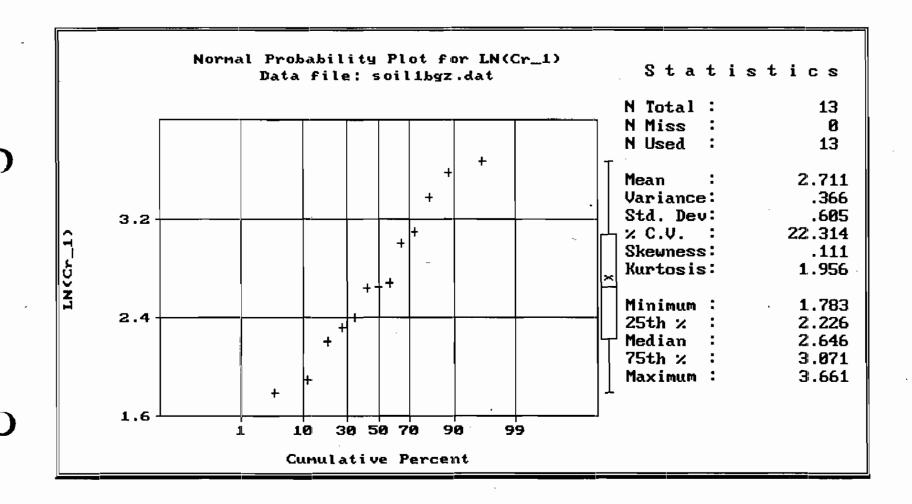




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2902-00001 - CHARLESTON ZONE B - SOIL & 1ST GW

Samples by Chemical Report 7440-47-3 - Chromium (Cr)

>= 0.0000 for MG/KG

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nample in Ex	ic. Orig. 15	Type	Date	Result VQu	al Units 3DG #
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507-8-8003-02	507SB00302	Soil	10/04/95	4.6000	MG/KG L5540S VAL
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Samples by Chemical Report

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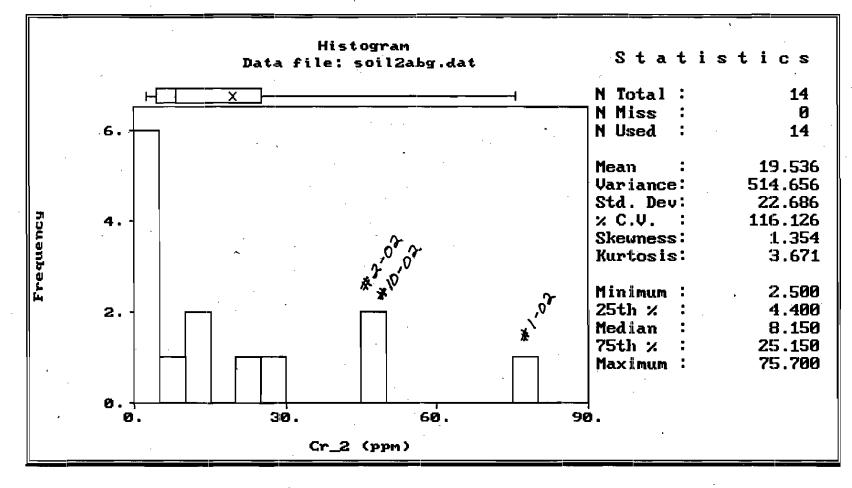
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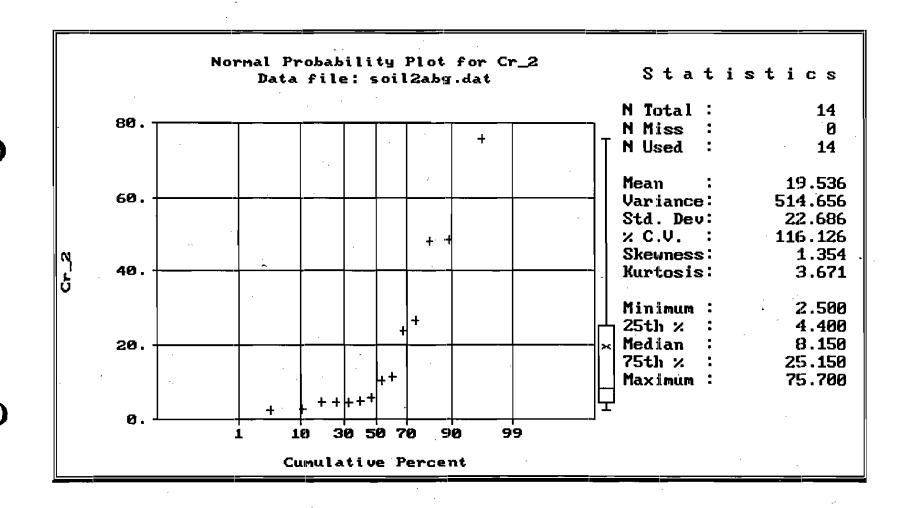
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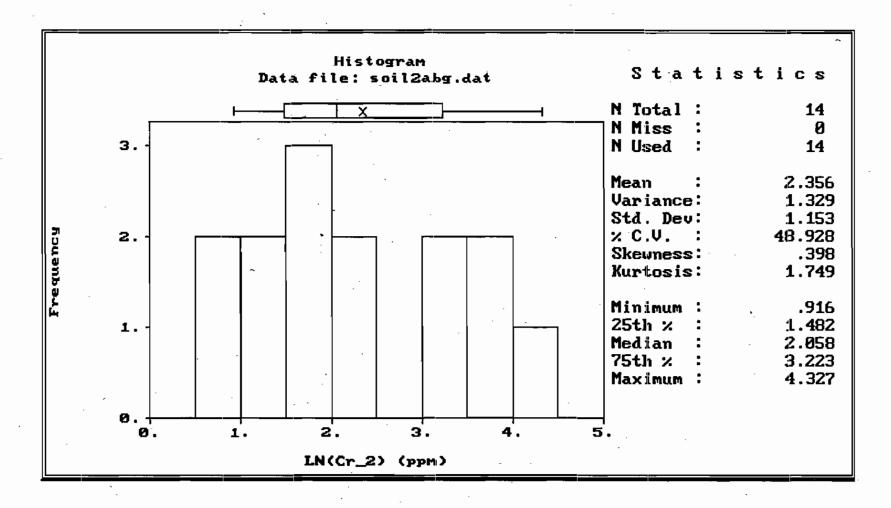
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Original values

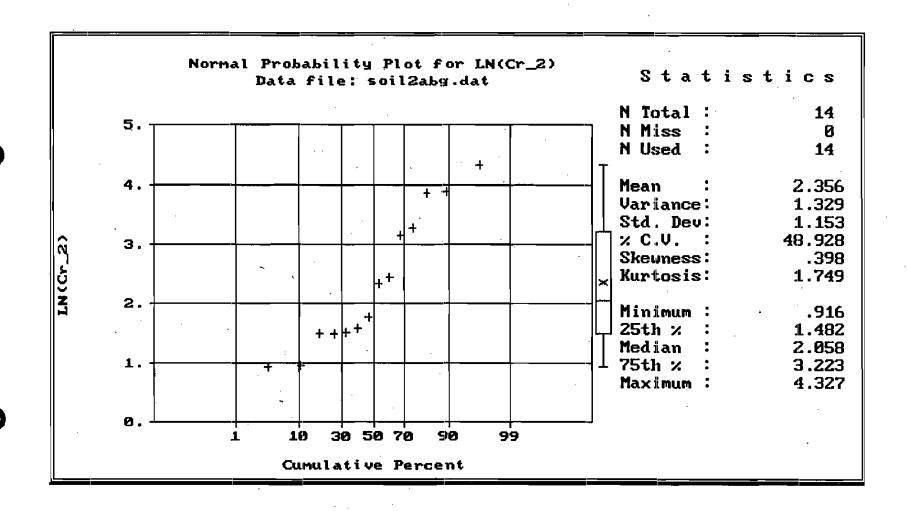




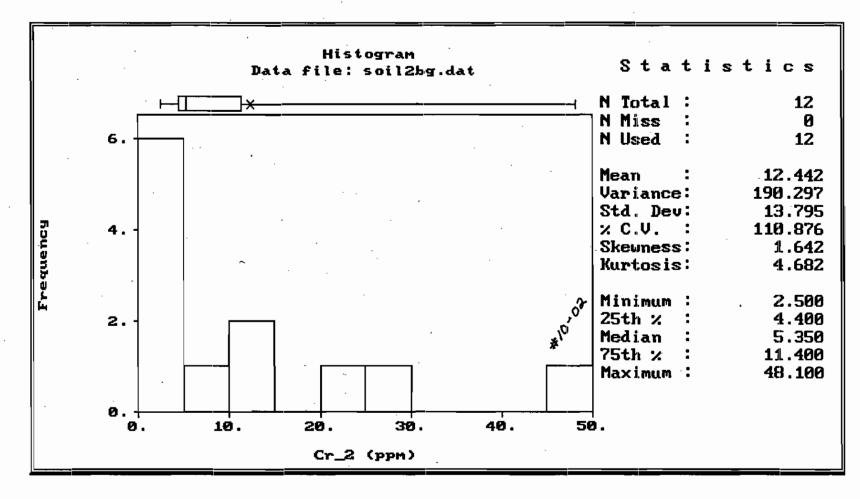
CR in subsurface soil Original dataset (N=14) LN-transformed values

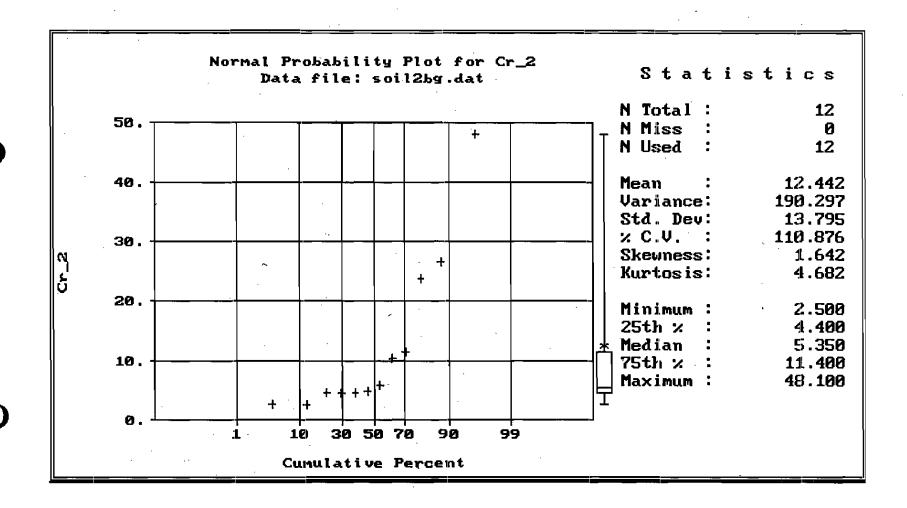
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Zone B CR in subsurface soil Samples #1-02 and 2-02 removed Original values





Zone B CR in subsurface soil Samples #1-02 and 2-02 removed LN- transformed values

